

“SPECIAL INQUIRY INTO GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS: FINAL REPORT”

**87. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:**

I have a supplementary question. I note that the minister clearly has no business cases for the Wanneroo Road, Armadale Road and Fiona Stanley access projects. Will she now confirm, following the Langoulant inquiry, that all Metronet projects must have a cost–benefit analysis and business case approved by Infrastructure WA, or was the Langoulant inquiry focused only on political pointscoreing?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I think the member for Midland, the Minister for Police, will be soon raising some issues about the Langoulant inquiry and the member for Scarborough. But it was funny last week, as I was sitting there with the Infrastructure Australia board, having dinner and outlining our process of business cases, when they said to me, “What a great, refreshing change it is to have a government —

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** Who said that?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The Infrastructure Australia board.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** Name them!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The board.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** Who said that?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** All of them.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** Name the person who said that. They didn’t say that; you made that up!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** When did you have dinner with them? When did they talk to you? You would not know who they were. You would not know a business case if it fell on you!

**Dr A.D. Buti** interjected.

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Member for Armadale! That is not necessary.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** As they were going through the first stage of our business cases that have already been sent, and as we were finalising the business cases for stage 4, which have nearly been sent, they said that it was so refreshing to have a government that wants to seriously engage and undertake proper process. I am proud that we are seriously engaging with Infrastructure Australia. As I said, my agency spent the day with them showing them our Metronet projects that the opposition does not support. The federal Minister for Urban Infrastructure and Cities, Hon Paul Fletcher, has been answering questions in the federal Parliament and is proud of Metronet.

Several members interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Madam Acting Speaker —

**The DEPUTY SPEAKER:** Members! I suspect Hansard is struggling to hear what the minister is saying, particularly from this side of the house. So please be quiet.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** People on this side of the house might be surprised to know that we have Barnaby Joyce and Paul Fletcher fighting over who takes ownership of Metronet. The federal government is so proud of it, they are actually fighting over which federal minister takes responsibility for Metronet.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** FAL is not Metronet. It’s our project.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Well, too late on that one. We have got you on that one.

We are very keen to be involved in the business case process with Infrastructure Australia. I have worked —

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I have met with Infrastructure Australia on a number of occasions. It is very keen to work with Western Australia to deliver job-creating projects. Is it not good to see new economic data showing confidence back because we have a program of infrastructure that the opposition could only dream of.