

ELLENBROOK RAIL LINE — PREMIER'S COMMENTS

**199. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Premier:**

I ask a supplementary question. Given that we cannot believe any promises that the Premier made when he was in opposition, such as the Ellenbrook rail line, and we cannot believe any promises he makes when he is in government, such as the Metro Area Express light rail, when can we believe any promise he makes on public transport?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

This is from the —

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Mr Speaker, I would never refer to the \$170 000 that a member skipped out with. I would never refer to that.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany; member for Warnbro.

*Point of Order*

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Mr Speaker, I refer to standing order —

**The SPEAKER:** I know what your point of order is. Premier, come back to answering the question.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I wish to make a point about —

*Point of Order*

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** The Minister for Mines and Petroleum took a redundancy when he left his job. Why is that not an issue for us today?

**The SPEAKER:** That is not a point of order. Come back to the question and answer it through the Chair, Premier.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I have answered the question. When we were in opposition way back then, we accepted that the work would have been done on the Ellenbrook rail line and it was part of transport planning. No work had been done, but in good faith —

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for West Swan.

**Mr N.W. Morton** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Forrestfield, I call you now for the third time. If you shout out again, you are going to have a rest.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** In good faith, I think we committed \$40 million or \$50 million towards the development of that line. We abandoned that project because it did not stack up. No work had been done on it.