

REGIONAL AIRFARES — MONKEY MIA AND CARNARVON

527. Hon COLIN HOLT to the minister representing the Minister for Transport:

This question was lodged yesterday. I refer to the joint ministerial announcement made on Monday that airfares to Monkey Mia and Carnarvon will be reduced and about the state government's funding of marketing the discounts.

- (1) What component, if any, of the reduced rate is being subsidised by the state government?
- (2) How much has the state government committed to marketing or advertising the reduced airfares?
- (3) Through what funding stream will this money be allocated?
- (4) When will other air routes taking passengers to regional Western Australia be subject to collaborative price reduction negotiations led by the state government?

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN: I thank the member for the question. Obviously, we have had a bit of forgetfulness. For the member's information, I represent the Minister for Tourism. I thank him for notice of the question and the following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Tourism.

Tourism WA and the South West Development Commission have worked closely together with the—sorry; have I got the right one?

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order!

Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN: Sorry; I apologise. It is a tourism question. Is it a tourism question?

The PRESIDENT: Perhaps Hon Colin Holt could provide the question number to the minister.

Hon Colin Holt: It is C542.

The PRESIDENT: The Minister for Environment representing the Minister for Transport.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

The answer to that question is not in the folder. I did not see that today.

Hon Colin Holt: I lodged it yesterday.

The PRESIDENT: Minister, perhaps somebody might see whether they can source the answer to that question and provide it at a later date.

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: Madam President, this did not appear in my folder today. I have not seen it or signed it, so an answer will not be provided today. If it has been lodged correctly, we will of course try to get the member an answer tomorrow; otherwise, I will approach the member behind the Chair with some extra information.

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