

TAXIS — ON-DEMAND TAXIS

202. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Can the minister also explain why she has chosen to introduce a tax when her own modelling shows that, as a result of the tax, there will be between 5.9 million and 6.9 million fewer trips; and what will the impact of that be on jobs?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

It is not a tax, so the premise of the entire question is wrong. It is not a tax; it is a levy funded by industry, and, as we have seen —

Mrs L.M. Harvey: The dictionary says that a levy is a tax.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, the member for Scarborough does not need you to help her.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Member for Scarborough, what is the definition of a tax, and what is the definition of a levy?

Mrs L.M. Harvey: They are the same in the dictionary.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Are they? That is why the member for Scarborough should not ask those types of questions. When we ask her to respond, she has no idea. She comes into this house having never done any research of her own. All she does is score cheap hits on the Premier's wife and children.

Ms S. Winton interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, do not yell. I call you to order for the first time.

Point of Order

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: I refer to standing order 92, imputations and personal reflections. The minister was clearly making those against the member for Scarborough, and I ask you to call her to order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Minister, will you withdraw?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Sorry, what did I say?

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: You know what you said.

The SPEAKER: It was about the member for Scarborough.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: On the point of order, the member has claimed that the minister made an imputation. The minister asked the member who is bringing the point of order to say what the imputation was. It is perfectly reasonable, otherwise, how can anybody withdraw? If there is no imputation, there is nothing to be withdrawn.

The SPEAKER: Can the member say what she wants withdrawn?

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: Further to the point of order, a ruling on a point of order is not a place for debate.

Mr W.J. Johnston: Yes, it is.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Member, before, two or three people in a row got up on a point of order.

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: The standing order makes it quite clear that imputations of improper motives and personal reflections are not appropriate.

The SPEAKER: I just want to know what it was.

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: The minister was referring to the motives of the member for Scarborough against the Premier and the Premier's family, and I was asking her to withdraw.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Mr Speaker, there is no point of order. The manager of opposition business is clearly not drawing a matter of importance to the attention of the chamber.

Mr W.J. Johnston: What are the words that need to be withdrawn?

The SPEAKER: Minister, you have to speak to the question, and not talk about the characters of other members of the chamber.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I am saying that the whole premise of the question is incorrect. This member walks into this place not knowing the content of the question and never does her own research. That is fact. The other thing that is fact is that this member spread, through social media, attacks on the Premier's wife and kids. That is fact.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Transport, I call you to order for the second time.