

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT — STATE BUDGET SURPLUS

Statement by Member for Scarborough

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [12.29 pm]: We are all expecting the Treasurer to deliver a surplus today, and if he does, we expect him to thank those responsible for delivering that surplus.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! I will hear it in silence.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: That is, Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Western Australian Liberals such as Christian Porter —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We expect the Treasurer to thank those people responsible for delivering the budget surplus for the state, being Prime Minister Scott Morrison and WA Liberals Christian Porter, Ken Wyatt and Steve Irons, who worked together with the Western Australian business community to deliver a GST bonanza for Western Australians so that at last Western Australians are getting their fair share of GST. It was not easy to deliver this fix—the political commentators said it could not be done—but the WA Liberals and Prime Minister Scott Morrison worked with Australia's Premiers and Chief Ministers to ensure the GST bonanza —

Ms J.J. Shaw interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Swan Hills, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — that has delivered the first state budget surplus in five years.

Ms S. Winton interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Western Australians can expect that if they elect Vince Connelly and Isaac Stewart to the federal Parliament —

Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Kingsley to order for the first time. I remind members that you are eating into your own question time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Western Australians can expect that if they elect Isaac Stewart and Vince Connelly to Parliament, they will have continued strong advocacy in Canberra to deliver outcomes like the GST bonanza that Western Australians now enjoy.

The SPEAKER: Members, I remind you that 90-second statements are generally held in silence and I expect that to continue in the future.