

WANNEROO SCHOOLS — FEDERAL ELECTION COMMITMENTS

405. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Why is the Premier refusing to fund these school commitments that were made?

Mr M. McGowan: Who made them?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, I am on my feet. I call you to order for the second time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Why is the Premier refusing to fund these school commitments that Bill Shorten made —

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — when he is backfilling other commitments Bill Shorten made, like funding Collie Hospital?

The SPEAKER: Members on my right, your leader is on his feet.

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The Collie Hospital was a \$17 million promise that I made before the last state election. I made that commitment before the last state election, so, obviously, we are delivering on our commitment. I think the member's question said it all. She is now saying that the Western Australian government should fund all the commitments made by federal Labor. Therefore, everything it came up with, we somehow have to fund—like lifting the minimum wage! What else is there?

Mr R.H. Cook: Penalty rates!

Mr M. McGOWAN: We have to legislate for the penalty rate commitment that it made! We have to legislate for free dental services!

Mr B.S. Wyatt: International aid!

Mr M. McGOWAN: We have to legislate for international aid. What else is there?

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: We will have to create a navy and army in Western Australia. Honestly, that was a dumb question. Leader of the Opposition, I think you are a bit safer; I now think you are a bit safer. You are certainly intellectually superior, but I think you are a bit safer. There are three levels of government in Australia. There is the federal government, state government and local government, and each one makes its own commitments. I will often stand with mayors when they make commitments. If they lose an election, does that mean the state has to then pick up the commitment made by the Mayor of Dumbleyung? Does that mean the state has to pick that one up? I made commitments with Malcolm Turnbull. Do I have to pick up the commitments that Malcolm Turnbull made when he got rolled by the Liberal Party? Do I have to front them? Honestly—how incredibly stupid! Leader of the Opposition, do you approve these questions?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: After two years and three months in opposition, the Liberal Party is still hopeless.