

EURONAVAL 2016 — INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRADE SHOW —
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PRESENCE

831. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Right, thank you!

Mr P. PAPALIA: I ask —

- (1) Does Western Australia have a stand at this event?
- (2) Has Western Australia had a stand —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: That is enough, thank you! Treasurer, I call you to order for the first time. I want to hear the member for Warnbro.

Mr P. PAPALIA: I ask again —

- (1) Does Western Australia have a stand at this event?
- (2) Has Western Australia had a stand at this event at any time in the past eight years?
- (3) Does our absence from this event mean that South Australian defence companies are more likely to form part of the global supply chain for these contracts than our own Western Australian companies?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (1)–(3) It would be a bit like sideshow alley if we had a little stand in the South Australian defence contract—or would you go and visit with the French builder of submarines and the German contractors at their sites —

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: That is enough, member for Cannington.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: The policy of Western Australia is to not —

Several members interjected.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: There is no point, Mr Speaker. Are you interested or not?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you for the second time. Member for Warnbro, I call you for the second time. Let us have a quick answer through the Chair.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: I have not had a chance to answer yet.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: The member for Warnbro has asked a couple of simple questions repeatedly, such as “Do we have a stand?” and “Have we had a stand?” et cetera. We are still waiting for the answer to those questions, so you can understand why people might be frustrated when the Premier is not answering the questions.

The SPEAKER: Right—it will be a 30-second answer.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr C.J. BARNETT: My understanding is that we do not have a stand—nor do we have a hotdog stand or anything else at this fair in South Australia. The Western Australian government is dealing directly with the major contractors in Europe.

Several members interjected.

Mr C.J. BARNETT: Do not look up there; they are not listening to you, either.

Yesterday we had all the major contractors in my office with the delegation that will be going to Europe to speak to the French and German prime contractors.