

EURONAVAL 2016 — INTERNATIONAL MARITIME TRADE SHOW —
WESTERN AUSTRALIAN PRESENCE

830. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Premier:

I refer to the South Australian-led contingent of 16 South Australian defence companies exhibiting at the Defence SA stand at the international maritime trade show Euronaval 2016 in Paris this week.

- (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) Will anyone from the Western Australian government be at this event to lobby DCNS Group, the company chosen to build the new submarines, or the various European competitors vying to design the multibillion-dollar offshore patrol vessel and future frigate projects?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (1)–(3) Coincidentally, there was a meeting in my office yesterday of all the major defence contracting companies in Western Australia —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: That is enough!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: These were the very companies that will be sharing in the offshore patrol vessel contracts and presumably in the submarine and frigate contracts. The member mentioned DCNS, the French group that won the contract or is the preferred bidder for the submarines. At its invitation, Western Australia will be visiting its site and discussing the project with it in France.