

MEMBER FOR DARLING RANGE — BOSNIA SERVICE

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

I have been informed that the Premier's office has been sent information about the validity of the member for Darling Range's claims that he was a war crimes investigator in Bosnia. I am advised that the information provided by a senior investigator attached to the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia from 1996 to 2004 refutes the member for Darling Range's claims. How is the Premier responding to this matter?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The member for Scarborough has just stood and said, "She has been advised", "I've heard this"—all that sort of thing.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: As I indicated earlier, when we get further information, we will release it. I find it interesting that the member for Scarborough is doing this. I have advised the opposition on at least five occasions that the member for Darling Range has been receiving medical treatment in relation to what has gone on. I will let the member for Scarborough know what she had to say about Troy Buswell on 4 May 2014. She said, and I quote —

"What I'm wondering is when people are going to stop chasing down and tormenting him ...

He's made some mistakes; he's got serious mental health issues" ...

In other words, the member for Scarborough said that questions should not be asked about Troy Buswell, but now she is exhibiting the greatest hypocrisy ever in standing here and pursuing the member for Darling Range. He is a first-term backbencher who made a mistake. He is currently receiving medical attention and he will give a full explanation about these issues upon his return to Parliament. It is the grossest hypocrisy for the member for Scarborough to stand up in the way she has been. All she is doing today is using the misfortune of a first-term backbencher MP to divert attention from this article. The member for Cottesloe has shown that the Liberal Party's term in government was a disaster. He was the only one who was doing any work; the rest of you were not up to it. The Leader of the Opposition can laugh but that is what he had to say. He was the only one out there doing any work. The Leader of the Opposition was not doing any work. What does he say? He says that the member for Cottesloe should get out of Parliament. The Leader of the Opposition nods. Is that any way to treat a former Premier and Leader of the Liberal Party: to say get out of the Parliament? Is that any way to treat him? They are all sitting there in silence. Who in the Liberal Party agrees with the Leader of the Opposition? Does the member for Bateman agree with the leader? I think he does.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bateman, I call you to order for the first time. I have given you plenty of opportunities. Leader of the Opposition, you never learn, but I will not call you this time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: That is a correct statement, Mr Speaker.

Who in the Liberal Party agrees with the Leader of the Opposition that the member for Cottesloe should leave?

Point of Order

Mr W.R. MARMION: He is asking us to answer a question; we have to respond!

The SPEAKER: Member for Nedlands, a point of order is an important thing. It is not a chance for you to have a joke. Next time I will call you to order.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: The member for Nedlands was around for half of the first term so he is only half a second-rater!

As I said, the member for Darling Range will make a full statement. When we have information, as I indicated to the house in the last few days, we will make it public.