

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CRICKET ASSOCIATION — 2014–15 TEST SERIES

491. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. What efforts did the minister make to make sure that we got that test match when we found out earlier that we were not getting the Cricket World Cup? We have four minor games. What part did the minister play?

Mr T.R. Buswell: That's part of the World Cup.

Mr P.B. WATSON: They are minor games.

Mr T.R. Buswell: You said we didn't get the World Cup!

The SPEAKER: Just ask your question, please.

Mr P.B. WATSON: Yes, just mind your own business!

Several members interjected.

Mr P.B. WATSON: After we were given downgraded World Cup one-dayers, what effort did the minister or her department make to make sure that we got this test match in 2014–15?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

Tourism WA did have conversations with Cricket Australia, but Cricket Australia has its own decision-making process.

Mr P.B. Watson: When did you have the discussions?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I did not have personal discussions with Cricket Australia.

Mr B.S. Wyatt: When did you know though?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I was advised at 6.15 pm last night that Cricket Australia had decided to pull this game from us, and I am really disappointed about it.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To talk down our efforts for the Cricket World Cup in 2015, I think, is absolutely appalling. We are working very hard on ensuring that we have a really good series of games here for Western Australian cricket fans.

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I would recommend that members opposite place their questions about that to the Minister for Sport and Recreation, who has an interest in this as well.