

FOREIGN BUYERS SURCHARGE

388. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Housing:

I have a supplementary question. Given the minister's non-answer, how many jobs need to be lost and how many billions of dollars of investment need to be lost from the housing and construction sector before the government addresses the foreign investor surcharge that is crippling investment in this state?

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Transport, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr P.C. TINLEY replied:

I do not even really want to dignify that question with an answer. Seriously, I don't.

Several members interjected.

Mr P.C. TINLEY: I cannot believe that members opposite are all quoting some sort of convention here.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, please.

Mr P.C. TINLEY: They are showing complete disregard for the standing orders and no understanding whatsoever of the processes of this place. They treat it with utter contempt like their born-to-rule attitude. They always bring to this place a presumption that —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I know it is rather fiery but I want to hear what it is fiery about.

Mr P.C. TINLEY: What I really want is some leadership to take responsibility for ruining the state's budget; ruining the finances of this state; the job-killing eight and a half years of the previous government and its eight and a half years of job-killing policies. Do members opposite know what the housing industry says to us? They are so happy we are in government. When I asked why that was, they said, "Because you're listening." I said, "Oh, every government should listen." They told us, "That's not our experience of the previous government." The previous government circled the wagons and shut them out. Their little purple circle shut out all of the business community, and what have we done? After governing for two years, we have created 37 000 jobs and put \$900 million into topping up the demand take-out mechanism called Keystart; changing the parameters, creating even further demand because we were listening to industry, because they came to us —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine, I call you to order for the third time. Member for Darling Range, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr P.C. TINLEY: They came to us and the door was open. We are ready to listen and respond.