

OPEN-RANGE ZOO

**870. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Minister for Environment:**

I have a supplementary question. Given all the work the minister has clearly done on this proposal, what was the cost estimate for the zoo provided by his department?

**Mr A.P. JACOB replied:**

I thank, apparently, the new shadow Minister for Environment for the question—I am not quite sure what happened there. As was very clearly articulated, this is the identification of the site. Government has sought to be very clear. We have identified the site.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** That is enough!

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** What a silly interjection!

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time. That is enough!

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** This is an essential part of long-term planning for Perth Zoo. We have identified a site. We already own the site freehold.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr A.P. JACOB:** We have identified the site. We already own the site. Detailed design work will happen from here. Members opposite appear to have a literacy problem, because that was very clearly articulated in our media releases. In terms of this government's track record on the environment, I will match it to the record of that rabble any day. We saw eight years of commitments in the environment portfolio. This government has had to deliver all of their commitments, and all of ours as well, so do not doubt for a second that what we say we do in the environment, we deliver every single time, and we have delivered all of theirs as well, at least the ones that we agreed with—Roebuck Bay marine park and the Biodiversity Conservation Bill. Keep it coming!