

FOREIGN BUYERS SURCHARGE

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

Before I ask my question, on behalf of the member for Dawesville I would like to acknowledge the staff and students from Halls Head Primary School who are visiting Parliament today.

I refer to the minister's previous advocacy to the Treasurer requesting him to consider industry's pleas to defer the foreign investor surcharge. Given industry concerns are now materialising, including the loss of projects such as 3 Oceans, Far East Consortium's \$1.4 billion Perth hub, and the loss of 600 jobs, and a decline in foreign purchases of Finbar properties by 70 per cent, will the minister now renew his previous advocacy to the Treasurer to defer or backflip on this job-destroying policy; and, if not, why not?

Mr P.C. TINLEY replied:

I find it interesting that the member for Scarborough got to her feet and accused this government of job-destroying policies. She is on record in the public domain recently opposing anything to do with infill; walking back from construction projects that will deliver much-needed jobs for Western Australians. The member for Scarborough opposed the 3 Oceans development at Scarborough. Why did she do that? She is a job killer! The whole side over there are just job killers. They keep talking down this state for every portfolio of government.

The opposition does not think tourism could do enough. One would reckon we have wrecked the state with these things. The member is absolutely unbelievable. What I look forward to is the next Leader of the Opposition coming into this chamber to explain to the people of Western Australia how it got us into this \$44 billion hole. The previous government delivered the state's finance ship right onto the reef of the fiscal wreck that it created in this state. The member for Scarborough should know better. She is meant to be the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. I want to see her show some leadership rather than just destroying this whole idea that this state is on the move. It is on the move as a result of the McGowan government.