

TOURISM — INTERNATIONAL VISITORS

213. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Tourism:

I have a supplementary question. Minister, I will correct you. It was 52 417, and they were bookings; they were not additional tourists, which you have misled the house on.

The SPEAKER: Member for Vasse, what is the supplementary?

Ms L. METTAM: Will the minister stand up following question time and make a personal explanation under standing order 108 on why he misled the house on these tourism figures? They are not additional visitors.

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

No, I will not. The 52 417 additional bookings—bookings made in direct response to a campaign on the east coast and in Singapore, Malaysia and China—were a consequence of a campaign that resulted in the ability to measure additional bookings. An additional 52 417 people came to Western Australia, with those bookings above and beyond the same period of time the year before. That is a fact. That is the information provided by the campaign—by Tourism Western Australia.