

BUS DRIVERS — TRANSDEV WA

754. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Even though Transdev is privately owned, it provides —
Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members on my right.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Are you getting your advice or are you listening?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Can you get to the point, please, member.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Minister —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Even though —

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the second time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Even though Transdev is privately owned, it provides services to the public transport system, which the minister is ultimately responsible for. Will the minister now take responsibility and intervene to ensure this dispute does not continue?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I love how they yell out words like “puppetmaster” when the opposition member is reading the supplementary questions word by word by word. I love the fact that the member reads all her questions word by word by word.

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Of course, the minister —

Mrs L.M. Harvey: Eight months.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Eight months!

The SPEAKER: Member for Scarborough, I call you to order for the second time.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Of course, the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations has advice and provides comments on these matters, and, of course, I would always want to hear from the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations on these matters. As I said, we do not like any disruption to the network, but it was protected industrial action under the commonwealth system. In relation to privatisation, the opposition comes in here advocating for privatisation day after day after day.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The opposition advocates for the privatisation of services on the front line, such as Western Power, and then comes in here and says that the minister has to manage every privatised contract on a day-to-day basis. That cannot happen.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It cannot happen.

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Scarborough, I call you to order for the third time.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: We should congratulate all those involved today who put in that extra effort to make sure that the disruption across the network was minimised.