

METRONET — COSTINGS

**571. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. In addition to the massive cost blowouts, can the Premier confirm that despite his government being in for three years, it has not laid one single inch of rail, as was his election commitment?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

Who writes the Leader of the Opposition's questions? Three years is in March next year. The Leader of the Opposition is only out by six or seven months!

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** You are in your third year.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** That is not good. You can't even add to three! You can't work out between two and three. Government members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, you have got your Premier on his feet. I want to hear what he says; you obviously do not.

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** We are going to build Metronet. We are going to build the Thornlie–Cockburn Link. We are going to build the Yanchep extension. We are going to build the Morley–Ellenbrook line, Byford, and important projects in Midland on the Armadale line. We are going to build all of these lines. We are going to build rail carriages in Western Australia. That is what we are going to do.

Members opposite seem to forget that before the 2008 and 2013 elections, they promised the Ellenbrook rail line. What happened to that? They did not deliver it. They promised the Metro Area Express light rail. Remember that one? They did not deliver it. Essentially, their record on these things is appalling. As I outlined to the house yesterday, we had to fight tooth and nail to get the Rockingham–Mandurah rail in. We had to get that through against the vicious objections by members opposite. They said the whole thing was going to electrocute people! Remember that? I remember some journalist actually ran that story—the river was going to wash up over the line and South Perth was going to be electrocuted! Members opposite actually said that.

One of the classics the Liberal Party was running was that no-one lives down there; there are only cows down there! Remember running that one? Honestly! No wonder members opposite are so subdued. I can tell that something dramatic happened in the party room yesterday. I note the member for Churchlands is not here. I have a lot of time for the member for Geraldton. I note he does not look up from his phone at all. I note most opposition members do not look up from their phones because they know their record on these things, as in most things, is absolutely shocking.