

TOURISM — STEPHEN WOOD — DISMISSAL

206. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Tourism:

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Mr Speaker —

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I beg your pardon, member for Girrawheen. Have you got a question?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The Minister for Tourism and the Premier authorised a four-year contract for the director general of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation, Mr Stephen Wood, just over six months ago. Given Mr Wood was not responsible for the decision to merge Tourism WA into a megadepartment, to sack the dedicated tourism CEO, to label long haul flights from the UK a dud, or to change migration policy that has done irreparable damage to international education tourism, why was he sacked and what did this cost?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

I have no role in the employment of the former director general of the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation. I had no role in his contractual engagement.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr P. PAPALIA: I have no role in his departure. I cannot answer the member's question. She has the wrong minister.