

ANIMAL ACTIVISM — SMALL BUSINESSES

280. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Small Business:

I have a supplementary question. Given the minister's dismissive answer to the first question, is it his intention to wait until Western Australian businesses are forced to close down before he acts? What will it take for the minister to do something about the situation?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

I am not sure what the member wants me to do—don a balaclava and break down the doors of vegans' houses or something in anticipation of them doing something wrong in the future! What was the —

Mr W.J. Johnston: *The Minority Report.*

Mr P. PAPALIA: *The Minority Report*—that is what we want! We have an innovative minister over here looking for research and development. Perhaps we can develop our own *Minority Report* computer to predict which vegans are going to do the wrong thing and break down their doors and drag them off to prison in advance. It is a ridiculous question. I cannot believe the member is pursuing this line of questioning. It is embarrassing for the National Party—stop it!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!