

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS — HUAWEI — NATIONAL SECURITY ADVICE

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [2.54 pm] — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith —

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr M. McGOWAN: The member for North West Central accused you of protecting the member for Bassendean, which I think not only is beyond parliamentary, but also deserves some condemnation.

An opposition member interjected.

The SPEAKER: You are an expert on points of order, are you? I call you to order for the first time. You will withdraw that, member for North West Central.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: I withdraw.

Debate Resumed

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [2.55 pm]: — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith —

That this house condemns the Premier and the McGowan government for once again misleading the house and the people of Western Australia around the true nature of national security advice or lack thereof regarding the \$206 million Huawei Metronet contract.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Members on my right.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: This is an issue of significant importance to the state involving \$206 million, which we discussed extensively last week. We found last week when we addressed the issue in numerous forms that the Premier received in July last year a briefing note that said to be careful with this contract because it leads to further contracts that will be in jeopardy if the government pursues the Huawei contract.

Standing Orders Suspension — Amendment to Motion

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House) [2.56 pm]: I move —

To insert after “forthwith” the following —

, subject to the debate being limited to 15 minutes for government members and 15 minutes for non-government members

Amendment put and passed.

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion, as Amended

The SPEAKER: Members, as this is a motion without notice to suspend standing orders, it will need the support of an absolute majority for it to proceed. If I hear a dissentient voice, I will be required to divide the Assembly.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

Motion

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [2.57 pm]: I move the motion.

This contract is important; \$206 million is a large amount of money. We know from information that we have provided and discussed in this house that it is not a stand-alone project; it is planned that it apply to the automatic train controlled system—a \$1 billion or thereabouts project down the track—and beyond that to the public sector mobile broadcasting security system. It is not a stand-alone project.

We discussed last week the fact that the Premier received advice in early July last year that it was not a stand-alone project, and that anything to do with this radio-controlled system had implications for future developments. He had a briefing note. We asked him about it. When was he informed? On 14 and 15 August last year, he said he did not know. Last week he said he had not seen the advice and that it was not signed and that he signs and reads a lot of things. He washed his hands—the Pontius Pilate.

We raised the matter with the Minister for Transport. Again, we acquired this through freedom of information. The clear advice from her department was that, given the sensitive and significant nature of the concerns

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surrounding the contract—not the contract itself, but issues related to it—she should take it to cabinet. She chose not to. She chose to say that it was too hot to handle and absolved herself from it. When we queried it, she gave a series of pejoratives.

This motion is not about issues with China; it is about the openness, honesty and transparency of the McGowan government on a significant contract. It is legitimate and, indeed, appropriate that we raise it, even though this is a sensitive issue—there are national security issues around it. The Premier has repeatedly said in this house and outside that he received advice from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, which expressed no concerns about the Huawei contract. He said last year, this year and last week that the government had asked the federal government—ASIO—whether there were any security concerns, and ASIO had indicated there were no concerns. There always were concerns. As we found out from Nathan Hondros in his article on WAtoday, the government did seek and obtain advice—we do not know whether it was verbal or written—from ASIO early on in the procurement process. We do not know what it was, but the government did receive that advice early on. ASIO did provide advice in the early stages of the procurement process, before Huawei was identified as the most likely or preferred tenderer. What did the government do? It took that advice and altered the contract; it put in 80 mitigating cybersecurity requirements—80! The Premier said that ASIO had advised the government and there were no concerns. Why did the government put 80 mitigating cybersecurity requirements in the contract? Why did it alter the contract and put 80 conditions in it?

Mr W.R. Marmion: Because there were concerns.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Because there were concerns. The FOI material is filled with concerns over it. Again, a briefing note from 12 March 2018 said that this was a problem and gave three options. The first was to proceed with the current procurement with no changes, but that was not recommended; the second was to start all over again—not recommended—and the third was to amend the current procurement with a whole range of safety conditions, and that is what the government did. That advice was provided by the commonwealth.

The real issue is that the Premier has been going out and saying that ASIO provided advice on the contract signed by Huawei. That is not correct; ASIO provided earlier advice, probably knowing full well that there would be international bidders in the process, as most of the firms that provide this type of service are international. It might have been Huawei, Nokia, Vodafone or Optus. In fact, the FOI material said that all of the preferred bidders were from overseas, so the government went to ASIO and asked whether there were any issues. ASIO said there were some issues and advised the government to alter the contract to include 80 different factors. The government then told Huawei it was the preferred bidder—that is not debatable—and entered into a contract with Huawei, on which the Premier said ASIO provided some advice and had no concerns. Well, ASIO did not provide that advice to the government. As Nathan Hondros pointed out, ASIO provided advice earlier. Later on, it was the Department of Home Affairs with which the government had links, not ASIO. The Department of Home Affairs' Critical Infrastructure Centre is meant to acquire information from across the bureaucracy of Canberra and the commonwealth and provide advice on these types of issues. ASIO may be one of them, but the advice did not come from ASIO. The Premier repeatedly told the people of Western Australia that it was not the Department of Home Affairs but ASIO that provided this advice, but it did not: it was the Department of Home Affairs. That is a significant difference. I encourage everybody to go to the department's website. It takes advice from a raft of organisations in the commonwealth. It acquires that advice and provides it. It was not ASIO advice that was provided to the government. In fact, the only time it got direct advice from ASIO was early on in the process, in late 2017 or early 2018, before Huawei was identified as the preferred contractor.

The commonwealth has repeatedly made clear to the government —

... we would certainly not say that any “security assessment” was conducted in relation to any named vendor.

This comment was in an email from the Department of Home Affairs' Critical Infrastructure Centre. In other words, it was telling the government to not go out and say that it had given Huawei a clearance, because it did not. The department provided advice to the government that had been accumulated from across the commonwealth. The Premier has gone out, for public relations purposes, and said, firstly, that the advice was from ASIO when it is not; secondly, that ASIO had expressed no concerns, when it had expressed concerns early on, to which, at least in part, the Premier had reacted; and then later on, that the government got advice from others and responded to that advice, but he kept using the word “ASIO” as additional cover for the story. That is the problem: the government is covering up issues and making it a wider issue. It should just come clean. The government should have taken advice. Instead of saying that the issue was too hot to handle, it should have said there was nothing to hide, and there would be no discussion here today.

MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [3.06 pm]: I rise to speak to this motion. We have seen a deliberate media strategy by the government on this debacle to try to hose down valid concerns raised by the opposition on this contract. We know that the contract did not receive appropriate cabinet scrutiny, because we have had responses from the government on cabinet involvement with the awarding of this

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contract. That raised concerns with the opposition and that is why we raised the issue in this house. We have asked a series of questions of the Premier on this matter. In response to a question on 14 June 2018, the Premier said that the government was advised that there were no difficulties with Huawei's participation in any state government contracts for critical infrastructure, including Metronet. The Premier's response on 14 August was —

I might also add that we received advice from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, no less, that there were no issues with this contract.

Then, on 15 August, when we continued to raise this issue—we could see the discomfort it was causing the government and wanted to pursue it—the Premier turned the attack back on us. What did he say? The Premier has repeatedly tried to deflect and put the focus on the opposition by calling us irresponsible. He scurrilously said —

... the Liberal Party is trying to turn this into Watergate, or there will somehow be all these spies sitting there in Beijing listening to the conversations between train drivers on the Joondalup line and headquarters.

When the Premier is under pressure, he gets personal and he mocks. He called the Leader of the Opposition a foreign national, as though being a foreign national is an insult. Shame on you, Premier! He turned his attack on the member for Bateman and implied that the member for Bateman was somehow of the same ilk as those bankers who were brought before the banking royal commission. Shame on you! He tried to cover up his bungling incompetence, which was again on display on 16 August. We asked the Premier questions on 14, 15 and 16 August—three days in a row. One would think that the Premier would be able to get his advice straight and come into this house and say, "Actually, I made a mistake yesterday. This is who we received advice from", but he said it again —

We got advice from the commonwealth government, from the Department of Home Affairs and the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, that there were no security issues involved.

This is what he keeps saying again and again, and that is why we keep raising this issue.

Then in his response today, the Premier tried to attack Nathan Hondros. He said, "If you look at his article, he only mentioned two aspects of the ASIO response." Wrong again. The article states —

ASIO had said in a written statement it had provided a "general security briefing early in the procurement process" to the WA Government and advice to the Critical Infrastructure Centre in the Commonwealth Department of Home Affairs.

The Premier went on to try to make it seem like all that advice is the same; it is not. The Premier belittles us and says we do not know what we are talking about, but we know that under the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation Act 1979 ASIO is not allowed to provide advice to anyone but federal government agencies and their minister. We knew that the Premier could not have advice; he had a verbal briefing and a verbal briefing is not advice.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: What the Premier and the Minister for Transport do not understand —

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Planning, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: What the Premier and the Minister for Transport do not understand is that advice from Home Affairs is not advice from ASIO. ASIO said it advises the Critical Infrastructure Committee and the Department of Home Affairs.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is not the same thing as providing advice to the state government directly from ASIO. Members opposite keep trying to hose it down, mislead and ridicule the people who are bringing this message to Parliament and to the community because they made a big mistake with this contract and did not follow due process.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Tourism, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The Premier has overreached in trying to hose down concerns about the awarding of this contract because he knows he is under pressure. We know he is under pressure because the Labor Party headkicker was sitting in the public gallery the other day throwing himself back in his chair at the Premier's responses.

Mr M. McGowan: Who is that?

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Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Kieran Kelly? Kieran Murphy? What is his name?

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Kieran Murphy.

The SPEAKER: Members, you will call ministers by their correct titles.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Thanks, Mr Speaker.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: He was sitting up there in despair when the Premier was answering the other day, because he is seeing the shifting sands of the Premier's defence of this contract.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members on my right!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We have seen the shifting sands with regard to the attempts of the Premier and the Minister for Transport to hose down the issues with this contract. First we had the overreach.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: "We have advice from ASIO, no less, that there are no security issues with this contract." ASIO had not looked at the contract. It provided a verbal briefing at the early procurement stages. That is what it said.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Transport!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: From there it went to not only ASIO, but also the Department of Home Affairs and all the commonwealth security agencies that have all said, "There's nothing to see here, there are no security issues", except we find out there are 80 additional components to this contract to mitigate for the security issues that the Premier says do not exist. It does not make sense.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: And then last week, when under pressure, the Premier suddenly moved on to saying, "We received a briefing from ASIO, not a verbal briefing at the start of the procurement process." The Premier should just stand up and say he misled, which we know he did. He should admit his mistake and apologise to the community for the \$205 million bungled project.

MR M. MCGOWAN (Rockingham — Premier) [3.13 pm]: This motion by the opposition is beyond pathetic. It is another abuse of standing orders. The opposition had a matter of public interest available to it, which it could have used today and chose not to. But, I suppose, the reality is that no-one takes any notice of the oppositions' MPIs because they are so awful and useless. The central point the opposition is raising, as I deduced from the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition's comments, is from a couple of issues. Firstly, the Leader of the Opposition attacked us and said that we misled Parliament because we said the advice was from ASIO, whereas the advice was from the Department of Home Affairs; therefore, somehow the government misled. I want to quote what ASIO provided to the journalist he mentioned today. I want to quote it for the Leader of the Opposition so he can hear it. It states —

- ASIO has also provided advice to Government via the Critical Information Centre in the Department of Home Affairs.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: You had your opportunity.

Mr M. MCGOWAN: Then I have information from the Department of Home Affairs website that outlines how the department works. It is entitled, "Blueprint for Home Affairs", launched by Mr Dutton. The Home Affairs portfolio chart shows that the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation, ASIO, is part of the Department of Home Affairs. That is exhibit A. Exhibit B is a press release from Hon Peter Dutton that states —

The Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO) will become part of the Home Affairs portfolio ...

There it is.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

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The SPEAKER: Minister for Police!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I have another one on the Department of Home Affairs portfolio that states, “ASIO sits within the Home Affairs portfolio.” There it is. I will provide all that to Hansard. Members can look at it at their leisure and they might learn something. The second component of the opposition’s attack was the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, with much fanfare, yelling at me a moment ago, “Everyone knows that ASIO can only provide advice to the federal government.” I have here the first part of the advice provided to the journalist today, which appears to be the basis of the oppositions’ attack. It states —

- ASIO provides briefings on a range of intelligence matters to the Prime Minister and other ministers, the Leader of the Opposition, state government representatives and officials.

I do not know whether members know where they are sitting, but I am a state government representative and I regularly receive briefings from ASIO.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: That is the second point of the oppositions’ attack. The third part of its attack is: “Oh my goodness, conditions were put into the contract to mitigate security issues.” They are non-vendor specific. It would not matter who won the contract—of course we put in conditions around security issues. I do not know whether members have noticed the world in which we live! It is just a ludicrous attack, but I want to go to a deeper issue here. This opposition, the Liberal Party in Western Australia, is now engaging in an anti-China jihad.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: It is potentially very damaging to this state.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, you had your chance.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I want to outline to the house the trading relationship Western Australia has with China. We export \$62 billion worth of products to China each and every year and it is growing each year. China exports to us around \$4 billion to \$5 billion. In other words, we have a \$55 billion-plus trade surplus with China.

Dr M.D. Nahan: What is the point?

Mr M. McGOWAN: That is a major component. Mr Speaker, I listened to the Leader of the Opposition in silence.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, when you spoke, no-one spoke. Give the Premier the same option.

Mr M. McGOWAN: We have an extraordinarily large trade surplus with China. In many ways it is the basis of that whole country’s economic performance. We would have a trade deficit as a nation but for Western Australia’s relationship with China and the strong trade surplus that we have with China. Hundreds of thousands of Western Australian jobs in mining, agriculture and a whole range of other industries depend upon that relationship. I know it is easy politics to stir up anti-China sentiment, but it does not help this state’s economy, it does not help our position as a nation and certainly does not help jobs in Western Australia. The Liberal Party is going into dangerous territory.

Mrs A.K. Hayden interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Darling Range!

Mr M. McGOWAN: Then it can stir up anti-China and anti-Chinese sentiment in the broader Western Australian community.

Mrs A.K. Hayden interjected.

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

Mr M. McGOWAN: I went to the Chinese consulate the other week for the Chinese New Year celebrations. I went to the Chung Wah Association ball the other night, where the Leader of the Opposition and the member for Carine were. There they were, being happy and friendly with all these people who they attack in Parliament each day. That is what they were doing. It is hypocrisy of the highest order on their behalf.

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Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The former Premier Colin Barnett at least understood what Western Australia's economy is based upon. We are a strong trading state and we have to retain good relationships with the countries in our region, especially our largest trading partner.

Point of Order

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Section 92, "Imputations of improper motives and personal reflections..." The Premier just accused me of defaming the Chinese people of Western Australia and saying something opposite at a function. He needs to apologise. That is untrue.

Several members interjected.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: No, he did that. Listen to what he said. He needs to withdraw it.

The SPEAKER: Are you saying that the Premier said you said something at the function?

Dr M.D. NAHAN: No. He is imputing motives here and personal reflections on me. The standing order on imputations and personal reflections are about "Imputations of improper motives and personal reflections" on members of this house. He just did that. He accused me and us of undermining the Chinese relationship but, more importantly —

The SPEAKER: No, it is not—no.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: No, no!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: No. A point of order is not a speech. Sit down, please. That is not a point of order.

Debate Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: Mr Speaker, the point —

Dr M.D. Nahan: What is, then?

The SPEAKER: If we are looking at imputations, the Leader of the Opposition has just accused the Premier of doing something, so that is having a go at his —

Dr M.D. Nahan: Being accountable!

The SPEAKER: Just be very, very careful. I have made a decision and you are still not happy.

Mr M. McGOWAN: At least the former Premier, Mr Barnett, who went to China regularly, understood that the relationship was important and did not try to score cheap political points —

Mrs A.K. Hayden interjected.

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

Mr M. McGOWAN: — like the Liberal Party in Western Australia is currently doing.

Dr M.D. Nahan: You're a grub.

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I have a point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Yes, I heard that.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The Leader of the Opposition really has to start to act appropriately in this place.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, you will withdraw and I call you to order for the first time.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Mr Speaker, I thought you had already ruled that "grub" is not an unparliamentary word.

The SPEAKER: No. In this context at the moment, no.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Oh, I see. No —

The SPEAKER: No, I am calling you to order and I ask you to withdraw.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: I withdraw.

Debate Resumed

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Mr M. McGOWAN: As I was saying, Colin Barnett regularly went to China and developed strong relationships with elements of the Chinese community, including the Chinese government. This opposition seems to think that members of the government who seek to enhance the relationship and the state's economic interests are somehow causing the state grief. I disagree. We are seeking direct flights out of Shanghai, additional export opportunities for Western Australia and additional students from China to come to Western Australia because we believe it is in the state's economic interest to do so.

I note in this context that the shadow Minister for Regional Development in the Liberal Party used some disgusting words in relation to China and the Leader of the Opposition and Chinese people. The Leader of the Opposition and the Liberal Party had nothing to say and have not condemned or ordered a withdraw or sacked that particular spokesperson. The words he used are so anti-Semitic and so anti-Chinese that I will refrain from using them in this chamber. It appears to me that the Liberal Party in this state thinks there are cheap political points and votes to be won from this sort of line of criticism and attack. I urge them to desist because all they will do is damage this state's economy, damage the nation's economy and damage our relationships with the region.

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Minister for Planning) [3.22 pm]: I rise to speak on this motion. I am quite surprised that this is being run today but, then again, I think the rest of the Liberal Party members are quite happy about it because it demonstrates, yet again, how out of touch the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition are. Last week, we saw some performances from some of the aspirants opposite. The member for Churchlands stood up and gave a speech that concentrated on some of the core issues facing Western Australians. I heard his colleagues all saying, "Good speech, highlighting some of the issues out there in the community"!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: All I can see is members opposite sitting back, enjoying this, because they know this is yet another demonstration of the complete lack of capacity of skills and intelligence of their leadership group. That is what is being demonstrated today. The Leader of the Opposition stood up and based an entire suspension of standing orders on an article that does not reflect the full advice from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation. That is what members opposite did. Yet again, they came in here and based a whole attack on one part of a four-part comment. Why would they do that?

Mr W.R. Marmion interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Nedlands.

Mr W.R. Marmion interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Nedlands! I call you to order for the first time.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The member for Nedlands is out there, behind the frontbench, watching, thinking: even I can do better. I know what he is thinking, and he probably could! He probably could do better. I know the members to his right—the member for Bateman and the member for Churchlands—are sitting there, licking their lips like little foxes in a henhouse, thinking: this is very, very good.

Point of Order

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Section 94, relevance. It is totally irrelevant what the minister is saying. Talk to what is on the floor.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order.

Debate Resumed

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I thank the member for Darling Range for that comment.

Members opposite are licking their lips. They could be rubbing their hands, watching the performance of the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition saying, "Even we could do better." Do members know what? I agree; I reckon they could do better.

Let me go through all the claims —

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: Members of your backbench could do better than some of your ministers right now.

The SPEAKER: Member for Churchlands, I call you to order for the first time.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Good interjection; maybe he should have the top job! It again demonstrates why he should have the top job—maybe!

Let me go through all the claims made by the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

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The SPEAKER: Minister, I am sure you will get back to the motion.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Yes, I am going through all the claims made by the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. They claimed the nature of the contract meant that this is somehow part of the automatic train control and the public broadband—no. The advice they got dispels that. The Leader of the Opposition stood up and said, “I was told that this should go to cabinet.” Wrong. False. Absolutely false. In fact, he has emails to show that the Public Transport Authority said it should not go to cabinet, just to the CEO of the department. That is what the email shows. The member for Scarborough stood up and said 80 conditions were placed on this contract because it was Huawei. The Leader of the Opposition had stood up five minutes earlier and said the 80 conditions were non–vendor specific because they all related to overseas companies. The opposition cannot even get their facts right for a 15-minute contribution. I will go through it, firstly the issue about what goes to cabinet.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

The SPEAKER: This is your last warning.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The member for Bateman cannot help himself. I do not know why he bothers, but he cannot help himself. He gets engaged in these matters. He knows the Leader of the Opposition and the Deputy Leader of the Opposition would not help him, but he goes in to try to bat for them. He knows that they would not care about him. He said the NorthLink WA contract went to cabinet. He still maintains that —

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Pardon?

The SPEAKER: Members, please.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The member still maintains that and he knows it is entirely wrong. He tweeted it and he knows it is entirely wrong.

Mr D.C. Nalder: Are you asking me a question?

The SPEAKER: Do not answer it.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Yet again, members opposite have come in, they did not quote all the advice that was received and they make it up as they go along. They fill in blanks with their make-believe world. Again, they have demonstrated that they have nothing to substantiate their claims. All they substantiate is that the Leader of the Opposition and Deputy Leader of the Opposition cannot sustain any worthwhile attack and cannot focus on the key issues in the state. No wonder the members next to them are licking their lips.

Division

Question put and a division taken with the following result —

Ayes (17)

Mr I.C. Blayney	Mr P. Katsambanis	Mr W.R. Marmion	Mr P.J. Rundle
Ms M.J. Davies	Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup	Mr J.E. McGrath	Ms L. Mettam (<i>Teller</i>)
Mrs L.M. Harvey	Mr A. Krsticevic	Dr M.D. Nahan	
Mrs A.K. Hayden	Mr S.K. L'Estrange	Mr D.C. Nalder	
Dr D.J. Honey	Mr R.S. Love	Mr K. O'Donnell	

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Ms L.L. Baker	Mr D.J. Kelly	Mr S.J. Price	Mr C.J. Tallentire
Dr A.D. Buti	Mr F.M. Logan	Mr D.T. Punch	Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr J.N. Carey	Mr M. McGowan	Mr J.R. Quigley	Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr R.H. Cook	Ms S.F. McGurk	Mrs M.H. Roberts	Mr R.R. Whitby
Mr M.J. Folkard	Mr S.A. Millman	Ms C.M. Rowe	Ms S.E. Winton
Ms J.M. Freeman	Mr Y. Mubarakai	Ms R. Saffioti	Mr B.S. Wyatt
Ms E. Hamilton	Mr M.P. Murray	Ms A. Sanderson	Mr D.R. Michael (<i>Teller</i>)
Mr T.J. Healy	Mrs L.M. O'Malley	Ms J.J. Shaw	
Mr M. Hughes	Mr P. Papalia	Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski	

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Mr D.T. Redman

Mr W.J. Johnston

Question thus negatived.

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