

STATE FINANCES — EXPENSE GROWTH

511. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Back to expenses growth: the *Annual Report on State Finances* released two weeks ago revealed that expenses growth for 2017–18 had risen a further \$1.41 billion. That is the Premier's budget. What will the Premier do to rein in the expenditure?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

My colleague and former Treasury officer, now Minister for Transport, said the member for Scarborough had declined to ever ask a question of her because she is intellectually superior to some people in this house.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: Switch chairs!

Mr M. McGOWAN: She would do a great job here, my friend. She has the deputy Liberal leader absolutely terrified. The deputy Liberal leader is absolutely terrified of the Minister for Transport. She is so frightened she cannot bring herself to ask the minister a question.

Mrs L.M. Harvey: I have asked lots of question on notice.

Mr M. McGOWAN: She indicated to me that the document the member for Scarborough is referring to is retrospective, not prospective.