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'ENOUGH IS ENOUGH': SEXUAL HARASSMENT AGAINST WOMEN IN THE FIFO MINING INDUSTRY REPORT — GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

426. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Mines and Petroleum:

I have a supplementary question. When the government's response is provided, will there be a public reporting process through Parliament to ensure that progress on the more than 50 per cent of the recommendations relating to the government and its responsibilities are reported on?

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON replied:

I cannot speculate on what happens in the future because I have not read the entire report.

Ms M.J. Davies: You can give a commitment to report to the public.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: This is really interesting. Let me make this clear: the Leader of the Opposition was a member of the cabinet at the time of the Jacobs report into FIFO mental health challenges. I remind the chamber and the former minister, who was part of the decision about how the former government responded, that there was never a response to the inquiry. Let us understand that one of the most important inquiries into FIFO conduct in this state was done by Graham Jacobs and his committee and the former government ignored it. Talk about a reporting time line to Parliament. I have said, on behalf of the government and the other ministers involved, we will report to Parliament exactly as the standing orders require, something the member failed to do personally in her job. Perhaps the Leader of the Opposition can explain to me why she did not comply with the standing orders and why she did not provide a response to one of the most important inquiries that we have done?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!