

WA REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

246. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Regional Development:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister apologise to the people of regional Western Australia that, after eight years of Labor, this is the best the government can come up with as a plan?

Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

I stand up for the people of regional Western Australia. Everywhere I go in regional WA, people talk to me about their aspirations and hopes. There is a sense of positivity in regional WA that I never hear from members opposite. I suggest that the member learns how to read the *Budget statements*. He should spend a couple of hours going through previous *Budget statements* and looking at the record of this government and its achievements, the record of the ministers who make up our cabinet and the tremendous gains that we have made for regional WA. I contrast that with some of the flowerbeds and tulip gardens that the National Party invested in during its eight years in office.