

IMMIGRATION AND HOUSING

Statement

HON BEN DAWKINS (South West) [5.48 pm]: I wanted to say a few words tonight about immigration and housing. First, I wanted to say that there is a lot of repetitious debate from my observation in my short time I have been in this place. It does get frustrating. A lot of it revolves around things like housing, with comments made back and forth, and finger pointing between the major parties. There is repetition.

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I say that because One Nation wants to cut through the repetition and the waffle and do what is right for the people. On this issue of immigration and housing, I have some sympathy for the major parties as they exist in WA, and that is because, essentially, the housing problem that we are experiencing, or at least a huge part of it, relates to there being too much immigration in Australia.

Several members interjected.

Hon BEN DAWKINS: If the members would like to just remain silent for a little while, we can do some stats.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Order! Hon Ben Dawkins.

Hon BEN DAWKINS: I will just cut straight to the chase; we are running out of time already.

Albanese and Labor are destroying Australia in fact. From the end of World War II to the Sydney Olympics, the annual average net migration was 80 000 people a year. In the first year of the Albanese regime, net migration was over 500 000. However, data just released by the Australian Bureau of Statistics shows that net permanent and long-term arrivals in February 2024 were at an all-time record monthly high of 105 460. This is the first time in history —

The PRESIDENT: Order! Order!

Hon BEN DAWKINS: — that the net monthly permanent and long-term arrivals have exceeded —

The PRESIDENT: Order! Hon Ben Dawkins when I call order, that includes you.

Hon BEN DAWKINS: I could not hear you, President.

The PRESIDENT: Hon Ben Dawkins.

Hon BEN DAWKINS: It has exceeded 100 000; it is the first time the monthly figure has exceeded 100 000. It is 19 per cent higher than the previous record of 88 800 people. In the middle of a housing crisis, with Australian families living under bridges, in tents and in cars, this is disgusting—what the Albanese Labor government is doing! We have our own housing problems, and migration is out of control.

Several members interjected.

The PRESIDENT: Order! Members, the house is adjourned.

House adjourned at 5.52 pm
