

CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR — CARNARVON

538. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Does the government support the Shire of Carnarvon's proposal, which is called the intensive family and community intervention program—yes or no?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

As I said, we support the programs that are proven to work, which is what the Target 120 program is.

Ms M.J. Davies: Your answer is no. You are not answering the question.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I think the Leader of the Opposition's issue here is her dispute with the Liberal Party. I think that is the issue here. She is in dispute with the Liberal Party, with two candidates jousting it out up there. That seems to be her issue. That is why the Leader of the Opposition has raised these issues.

Ms M.J. Davies: Do you think that you're letting that get in the way of what the people of Carnarvon have written to you about?

Mr M. McGOWAN: The Leader of the Opposition has never raised an issue about Carnarvon in here before now. She has never raised it in here before.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: I do not even know whether she has been to Carnarvon before.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: The Leader of the Opposition is now in a life-and-death battle with the Leader of the Liberal Party, and what an opponent he is! She is in this battle with the Leader of the Liberal Party for the heart and soul up there and, therefore, for the first time ever she is raising issues about Carnarvon.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order! It is a little of a shame that so many government members interjected while the Premier was speaking.