

MEMBER FOR NORTH WEST CENTRAL — LEGACY

**440. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Leader of the Opposition:**

This is my last question, my final question in this place as the member for North West Central.

I refer to private members' business notice of motion 9, referring to my electorate of North West Central and to the failure of the McGowan government to address critical issues across the community. Under standing order 75(3), can the Leader of the Opposition please inform the house when she intends to progress this motion?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

Madam Speaker, I understand that I need to speak to the urgency of when we will bring on this motion and seek your indulgence.

I also briefly acknowledge Nick Catania, Dudley Maslen, AO, and Wendy Duncan, a former colleague, who are here as former parliamentary members.

**Dr A.D. Buti:** There are more former members than current members of the Liberal Party here!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** Show some respect, member!

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Finance!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I thank the member for North West Central very much for the question and for his service to the electorate of North West Central. I note that the motion on the notice paper refers to the member's efforts in delivering major infrastructure investment and his legacy of positive growth for his electorate. It is timely that we debate this motion. The opposition looks forward to bringing it to the Parliament when we return from the winter recess. The reason it will be timely is that we will likely be asking the people of North West Central to decide who will represent them after the retirement of this member. We know that it will not be someone from the Labor Party.

The timing of the debate is important. I will speak briefly to the content of the motion. When we return to this house to debate this motion, we will highlight the legacy of the member for North West Central and his 17 years, including a new aged-care facility in Carnarvon, which was hard fought for; the magnificent Ningaloo Centre in Exmouth, which is wonderful tourism infrastructure for that community; the rebuild of Gascoyne Junction after major floods; and flood mitigation in Carnarvon. That is just to name a few and not to mention all the much smaller community organisations that have benefited from the advocacy of this member over a significant period.

We will also highlight the failures, as we have a responsibility to do as an opposition, of this government over the past five years to deliver for the electorate, including mothers who have to travel over 1 000 kilometres to give birth; the Carnarvon fascine, silted up so that people cannot access it, despite the fact that the community has asked the government again and again to address that particular issue; worker accommodation crises in Kalbarri, Exmouth and Coral Bay; the failure to deliver the upgraded facilities at Meekatharra Hospital; and ignorance and outright denial from the Minister for Police on crime issues.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order, please, members!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** Thank you, Madam Speaker, I will sit down.

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, I am glad you are drawing your answer to a close.

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I look forward to congratulating the member for North West Central for his advocacy and participation in this Parliament and his advocacy on behalf of the people of North West Central. He has been a fine servant of this Parliament and the Nationals WA and we wish him and his family all the very best as he takes on his next challenge.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, what was allowed then was quite unusual, but it is permitted under the standing orders. When any member puts a motion on the notice paper, they can be asked a question about that motion. You strayed far too much into attack as part of that response, Leader of the Opposition, so it did not strictly fit within the format. But just to explain, especially to new members, that is why the Leader of the Opposition was able to be asked a question, not because she is the Leader of the Opposition but because she had a specific motion on the notice paper.