

NORTHLINK WA — HAMPTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL — UNDERPASS

619. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Minister for Transport:

The Liberal–National government is delivering important infrastructure in the eastern suburbs, including the \$1 billion NorthLink WA project. However, can the minister confirm that, as part of this project, the underpass will be maintained to provide continued access to the Hampton Park Primary School and alleviate the genuine and serious concerns of the parents who use this underpass for their children?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I would like to thank the member for that question and his ongoing representation to not only me, but also my office and Main Roads WA on behalf of Hampton Park Primary School. By following process and working quietly in the background, he has been able to achieve great outcomes for his community, including Hampton Park Primary School.

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

Mr D.C. NALDER: I am very much aware of the activity of the member for Bassendean.

In addition to the assurances that I provided to the member personally last week, I can confirm that his direct communication and ongoing consultation with the parents and citizens association has ensured that the current underpass will be retained until a new one is constructed in approximately 12 to 18 months. In addition, access to the local road network will be improved. We will provide additional car parking bays and build a new kiss ‘n’ drop facility for that school.

We want to also ensure that the Transperth bus network is maintained in an appropriate manner with the great changes that are going on with the NorthLink project. Unfortunately, yesterday we did witness something. We witnessed the Leader of the Opposition come running out with his union boss to the Hampton Park Primary School and go, “Hi; I’m Mark from New South Wales and I’m here to help.”

Several members interjected.

Point of Order

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: I have noticed this racist commentary about where people were born.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Listen!

Mr F.A. Alban interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Swan Hills, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean! I want to hear this in silence.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: I have noticed this attack on people for where they were born and I do not believe that it should be allowed in this chamber. There should be no commentary in this chamber about where people were born.

The SPEAKER: I do not think that I can force people in this chamber not to comment on where people were born, but I hope they have taken your point.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.C. NALDER: He delights in calling me stupid.

Point of Order

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: I just want to seek clarification on this ruling. Is it appropriate that where people were born not be used when they should be referred to by their electorate or their title? Otherwise, we are on a slippery slope that would allow people to draw in —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I would prefer it if people would not throw these barbs across the chamber. They do not help in any way, shape or form. I think that some of us have been the victim of these barbs in the past and I would prefer it not to happen. Now let us get on with the business.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.C. NALDER: Thank you, Mr Speaker. I have been in this chamber for only two and half years and I have learnt a valuable thing—when they start to lose an argument, they try to take it onto the man.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.C. NALDER: The member for Cannington is the classic one.

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan! Back to the question, minister.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Certainly, Mr Speaker.

The Leader of the Opposition had no idea. They had not consulted with the headmaster, who was fully aware of the work that the member for Morley was undertaking. This is in the member for Morley's electorate. The member for Bassendean decided to go around and hand out pamphlets a week or two ago. He wrote to me, and I received the letter on Monday of this week, but they were already out there with the television cameras. They could have actually inquired quietly and just said, "Look, we're concerned about this; what's going on?" No; no; no. They wanted to grandstand on an issue that the member for Morley —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Bassendean! Quick answer, minister.

Mr D.C. NALDER: They wanted to grandstand on an issue that the member for Morley had been working on diligently with the local community to solve, and we are providing the solutions for the member for Morley.