

ONSLow SEAWALL

219. Mr SWEETMAN to the Premier:

I refer the Premier to his media statement dated 8 September 2000, in which he states -

Labor will not turn its back on the residents of Onslow who, without a sea wall, are a community at risk
...

The Premier states also -

We will rebuild the sea wall and we will do it immediately.

Given that the next cyclone season is only three months away and there is still no seawall, when will it be rebuilt?

Dr GALLOP replied:

That matter came before the new Government when it came to power. The money has been allocated for that project, and it will be carried out.

Mr Sweetman: But you are going to set up a task force.

Dr GALLOP: Does the member know what the important issue in government is?

Mr Sweetman: Is it accountability?

Dr GALLOP: No, it is not.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order! The Premier is trying to answer the member for Ningaloo's question, and I am sure the member wants to hear the answer.

Dr GALLOP: The answer is that unlike the previous Government, we have allocated money in this year's budget for that project. We will be on the job and moving ahead with this project on behalf of the people of Onslow, who, I might say, were ignored by the Court Government in the eight years that it was in power.