

WAGES POLICY — INFLATION

**219. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. I thank the Premier. Can I confirm that there will be no change to the wages policy in the upcoming state budget and that if inflation increases, there will be no matching by this government to ensure that there is not an erosion of real wages for our public sector workers?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

As I outlined to the member, and have outlined a number of times, the budget will come down on 12 May, in which many things will be revealed. It will have a strong focus on cost-of-living pressures on families and individuals across the state.

In terms of the issues surrounding cost-of-living pressures and inflation, hopefully they are temporary because of the Russian invasion of Ukraine. Hopefully, that situation resolves as quickly as possible and some of those inflationary pressures come out of both the Australian economy and economies around the world.