

SERPENTINE JARRAHDAL COMMUNITY RECREATION CENTRE —
DARLING RANGE BY-ELECTION

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

I have a supplementary question. What will the state government do to fill the service gaps left by the reduced capacity of our community resource centre network as a result of its cuts?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I am wondering when the Leader of the National Party will raise the issue of remote Aboriginal communities. The kids who will lose housing and maintenance money are the most vulnerable kids in Western Australia. The National Party would not even know where a remote Aboriginal community was and is not prepared to take up the case for Aboriginal kids.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Leader of the National Party, I call you to order for the first time. Minister for Housing, I call you for the second time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: We are suffering from threats and intimidation from Mr Scullion nationally, who is threatening to take away the last payment of the existing scheme. He is threatening that today because we dare to stand up for remote Aboriginal people. The National Party has not said a single word about that important issue. Today we have indications that the federal government is taking GST money away from Western Australia or not giving us a fair deal, and Mr Scullion and the federal government is refusing to reinstate support for remote Aboriginal communities. What do we hear from the Liberals and Nationals? Diddly squat!