

ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE ACT — WORKSHOPS

326. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I have a supplementary question. I urge the minister to reconsider. Will the minister reconsider hosting an education session in the wheatbelt so that landowners, local governments and people who live in that vast region do not have to travel to Perth?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

I think I mentioned that there is a workshop in Esperance and Albany, and there is an online session—and one in Bunbury. The department has considered this very carefully. It cannot be everywhere. There are 13 sessions, including an online session. I am sure that people can find a way to go to these education sessions. There is also the opportunity to look at the information that is provided on the website. There is sufficient opportunity —

Several members interjected.

Dr A.D. BUTI: This is amazing.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Dr A.D. BUTI: Members opposite are complaining about these sessions. They live in Perth. Our National Party members live in Perth. It cannot be too far to travel from their electorates if they live in Perth.

Mr R.S. Love interjected.

Dr A.D. BUTI: It cannot be that far to travel from the wheatbelt if they live in Perth. How many of them live in the regions?

Ms M.J. Davies: I live in Northam, minister, and that is not the point —

Dr A.D. BUTI: Where does the Leader of the Opposition live?

Mr R.S. Love: Jurien Bay.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Dr A.D. BUTI: Oh yeah! How much time do you spend in Jurien Bay?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.