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

I have a supplementary question. I thank the Premier. When will he let the rest of Western Australia in on the plan to safely reopen Western Australia's borders and let people understand what it is that he is going to outline as part of that plan to reopen Western Australia safely?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

That was a nonsensical question, but I will try to answer the general gist of it. It was absolutely nonsensical. When are you going to stop backing the anti-vaxxers?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M. McGOWAN: When are you going to start supporting science and medical research in the safety of Western Australians? When are you going to do that? The way the state opposition is acting, all that will happen is people will get sick and people will die. That is the way it is acting. What we see with the opposition in New South Wales and South Australia is that they do not act that way. What they do is look at what the government is doing, and if it is sensible, then they support it. What this opposition does is to say, "We're opposing everything. It doesn't matter." It does not matter about the rationality; it does not matter whether it is the right thing to do. It just opposes so that it can go and win some support. The support it is trying to win now is from the anti-vaxxers—the people out there rallying outside my office today and yesterday—those people out there who are claiming it is 5G, and the former Liberal Party candidate who is the 5G conspirator who helped establish the rally. Members of the opposition are out there supporting her. Why do you not act a bit responsibly? Go and have a look at what the opposition in South Australia and New South Wales do! They do not do what this opposition is doing. You are following the same playbook as the opposition in Victoria, and it is a dim, dark road that will lead to people dying.

The SPEAKER: Before I give the member for Burns Beach the call, member for Cottesloe, your interjections are continuous and incessant. They are repetitive. What happens then is other people interject back in your direction and you cannot be heard, because another 10 people are interjecting back to you. I ask you to keep that in mind. The occasional interjection is acceptable. That was not even your question. If you are going to continuously interject, you are going to continue to build the noise, and no-one will hear anything the opposition is saying.