

COUNTRY AGE PENSION FUEL CARD

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier please confirm that he does not believe regional pensioners deserve equitable treatment when it comes to access to public transport?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I have answered the question broadly, and members might note the costs for people catching public transport in the metropolitan area have gone up in the budget—not something I am pleased about, but they have gone up. When in office the Liberals and Nationals were so profligate with state money that they were an embarrassment to this state nationally. When I go to meetings of COAG, I have Liberal Party Premiers shake their heads about the former government's financial management and laugh about what a disgrace it was.