

MEMBERS' STATEMENTS

Mr R. Burton, Department of Industry and Resources

HON ROBIN CHAPPLE (Mining and Pastoral) [5.31 pm]: I rise to clarify comments I made on Wednesday, 7 May 2003, when I referred to a Mr R. Burton with regard to a direction from the Department of Industry and Resources to the warden. The R. Burton to whom I referred was not Robert Huck Burton, stipendiary magistrate and warden, but R. Burton, an employee of the Department of Industry and Resources.

Saunders Street Settlement

HON DERRICK TOMLINSON (East Metropolitan) [5.32 pm]: I draw the attention of the House to the fact that yesterday there was delivered to the Saunders Street settlement in Henley Brook one transportable fibro house, one transportable workers accommodation - sometimes referred to as a donga in industrial areas - and no portable toilets. The families who moved into Saunders Street from the Swan Valley Nyungah Community brought with them 30 dogs. In the past two days since those families arrived, the police have been on constant call to Saunders Street from residents in Saunders Street. One house has suffered two break-ins and one property has had two sheep killed. This is only one of the early consequences of the decision to close the Swan Valley Nyungah Community. If the police are unable to protect the residents of Saunders Street, I wonder how much success they will have in protecting the Aboriginal families who are now living in that donga and transportable fibro house. I think we will be hearing a lot more about this from time to time.

House adjourned at 5.34 pm
