

CORONAVIRUS — STATE ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN

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

I have a supplementary question. What strategy does the government have to accompany this advertising campaign to ensure that those workers who can be matched have appropriate housing and other enabling facilities to allow them to take these opportunities?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

We have the jobs and skills centres, which we launched about three years ago. They are designed around matching people —

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: The member asks me a question then starts yelling at me!

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party!

Mr M. McGOWAN: When she starts interrupting below her breath, I cannot get a word out. Ask again. What is the member's point?

Ms M.J. Davies: What other strategies will be put in place to accompany the advertising campaign?

Mr M. McGOWAN: I just said it. I am answering the member's question. It is the jobs and skills centres. They are part of it.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call you to order for the second time, Leader of the Nationals WA.

Mr M. McGOWAN: The jobs and skills centres are about ensuring that people are matched to job opportunities. They are in 13 locations at TAFE colleges around Western Australia. They were never there before. A parent can go in there with their teenage son or daughter and can work up a plan for what their son or daughter might do. An advertising campaign or promotional campaign about life in the regions and the job opportunities that might be there—and advertising some of the job opportunities—is what we are planning to do. The plan is about promoting to people who might be unemployed in the city that there are jobs out there. When I was young—well, younger—people went somewhere if there was a job there. They went and had a look at what rental vacancies were there or whether they could rent a room somewhere. That is what people do. Honestly!

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party, I call you to order for the third time

Mr M. McGOWAN: What is the member's view of the world? Does she want the government to drive people there as well—a minibus to take them there? Should the government organise the house? Does the member want someone there to cook for them as well? Honestly! People have to show a little bit of initiative and do a couple of things themselves, such as look for somewhere to rent or buy a house. These days, people can get a grant to build a house. They can get \$55 000 to build a house. That is what is available to people. Leader of the National Party, we cannot spoon-feed everyone. We cannot do every single thing for everyone. I do not know what view of the world the member has, but that is not my view of the world. When I was that age, I left home at 17 and went and made my way in the world. That is what people do and that is what I encourage people to do. We will promote the opportunities that are out there for people so they can take advantage of them.