

DEAF SOCIETY OF WA, RECURRENT FUNDING ASSISTANCE

**150. Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. Is the disproportionate amount of effort and expense he has personally allocated to the drug summit compared with his disregard -

*Points of Order*

Mr KOBELKE: Under standing orders, it is not appropriate in a supplementary question for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to make assertions against a member on this side.

Mr DAY: We have not heard the full question from the Deputy Leader of the Opposition. Although we accept that he must reach the end of his question, he must be given an opportunity to ask the question.

The SPEAKER: The point of order relates to supplementary questions, the notion of which appears to be difficult for people to grasp. The entire supplementary question system is built around members asking a question relating to either the previous question or the answer, and members should not embellish that particular question. I call upon the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to be more distinct with his question.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN: Does the minister's disregard for the plight of Western Australia's deaf community, compared with the disproportionate amount of effort and expense he puts into other matters -

*Point of Order*

Mr KOBELKE: The Deputy Leader of the Opposition is trying to impress upon us what a slow learner he is. It is outside standing orders for a member to make an assertion by way of a supplementary question about the Minister for Health or anyone else. Through you, Mr Speaker, I say to the Deputy Leader of the Opposition that if he wishes to ask a supplementary question, it must be a question, not an assertion regarding the Minister for Health or anyone else.

The SPEAKER: What the Leader of the House has said is true. I urge the Deputy Leader of the Opposition to ask a specific question, not to comment on what he thinks might be the case in relation to the minister's attitude to anything. He should ask a specific question. If he does not ask a specific question, I will ask him to sit down.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

Mr BARRON-SULLIVAN: Will the minister tell the deaf community, represented in the public gallery today, what he will do to help them before 30 June, rather than hide behind this drivel?

**Mr KUCERA replied:**

The deaf community in this State, as with all other people who require medical services, will get the service that they justly deserve. They must be considered in the light of the conventional budget process like everybody else. I can do and say no more than that.