

WOODSIDE — FLY IN, FLY OUT CAMP — KARRATHA

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

I have a supplementary question.

Mr F.M. Logan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Housing! No, sorry; minister for prisons or whatever it is!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: The local member and at least one of the Premier's cabinet ministers are opposed to FIFO. Why is the Premier ignoring their views and why will he not rule it out today?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Opposed to FIFO! Mr Speaker, did you hear that? Opposed to FIFO! As though there should not be any FIFO in Western Australia!

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

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

Mr M. McGOWAN: We have around 90 000 to 100 000 people in Western Australia who are directly employed in the mining industry. A whole range of them live in communities like Busselton, Bunbury, Albany and Geraldton. We have people in Broome who are FIFO workers. All those people, according to the National Party, should not be able to work in the mining industry because they should not be able to be fly in, fly out workers. What an absurd statement from a ridiculous political party!