WATER CORPORATION — MINNIVALE RESERVOIR — ASBESTOS

984.   Mr D.J. KELLY to the Minister for Water:

I have a supplementary question. In the 2015–16 "Statement of Corporate Intent" for the Water Corporation, why has the minister taken out the sections "Keeping our People Safe" and "Zero Harm" from the document that appeared in the previous business plan? Forget about Minnivale; just tell me why she agreed to a business plan for the Water Corporation that deleted all references to employees' safety? For the first time that I can see for at least a decade, why did she agree to that?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

The Water Corporation has the safety of its employees at the heart of every single thing that it does. That has not changed. Everyone who goes to work —

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: The member thinks that I am personally responsible for writing the statement of corporate intent, that I delete —

Mr D.J. Kelly: Under the act, you have to agree to it.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: I agreed to it in —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Ms M.J. DAVIES: Let me be very clear: I absolutely have responsibility, in consultation with the Water Corporation —

Ms R. Saffioti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time. I do not want to hear any more now.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: That document lays out the projects and the framework under which the Water Corporation will operate for the next 12 months. Inherent and intrinsic to everything that that organisation does is the safety of its employees. That has not changed; it will not change. It is very clear at a board level and it is very clear at an organisational level. I reject absolutely the premise of the member's question.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the first time. That question is finished.