

LIVE EXPORT — TRANSITION PACKAGE

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

I have a supplementary question. Given it is a policy of the Premier's government to shut down live export in Western Australia, and it is one that he is keen to pursue, why is no work being done to help farmers transition in the advent of those changes coming to pass?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The Leader of the National Party has asked me this question in the course of the last couple of months, or asked a similar question on probably four occasions. I have explained very clearly what the government's policy is but the member clearly has not heard it. I will not explain it to her again because I find with the National Party that it does not matter how many times we explain things, there is a degree of inability amongst National Party members to take things in, so I will not explain it to her again. It is a commercial matter. I urge the industry to lift its game. We saw those shocking events. Senior members of the farming community have said to me that if there is another example of the *Awassi Express*, they think the industry should close —

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the National Party, just listen to the answer. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Some people in the industry recognise that there is a problem. I say to the National Party: it is about time you recognise there was a problem.