

PERTH STADIUM — FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION

**519. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I have a supplementary question. Should not issues as important as funding be secured before the minister committed \$1.57 billion on a stadium that generations of Western Australians will have to pay for?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

What the member is saying is a recipe in how not to deliver a stadium. The member is saying we should hang about and wait for everyone else to make a decision instead of making a commitment to the people of Western Australia and the major sporting codes —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Right.

**Dr K.D. Hames** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Are you finished, Minister for Health?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** What the member for Albany is suggesting would not deliver the project that the government committed to. We are perfectly capable of delivering this. We have approached the commonwealth and the AFL. I am hopeful. The Premier continues those conversations, and all of our colleagues continue those conversations.

**Mr F.M. Logan:** I thought you got the finance before you started a project!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** We have the finance. The project is financed. It is progressing exceptionally well. It would be wonderful if the commonwealth and the AFL put their hands in their pockets to provide a contribution. I look forward to the day when I can make that announcement. At this point in time there has been no contribution from either of those, and we are very confident of still being able to deliver a first-class stadium for the people of Western Australia.