

MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT — FOI REQUESTS

126. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the freedom of information documents regarding a call-in notice for the Bay Village FIFO camp in Karratha that I received from the minister's office at 7.50 this morning, 47 days overdue and subject to three extensions and a scope reduction.

- (1) Is it a coincidence that I received this information less than 24 hours after I tabled a motion in this place condemning the minister for constant delays in responding to FOI requests?
- (2) Are the handwritten notes from a meeting on 15 November 2018 in the FOI pack, which state that Woodside would like the call-in option and want the minister to call it, accurate?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) I know that the National Party does not understand this, but it is not all about them. Today, we announced again our commitment to regional roads in WA, roads that were neglected under the National Party when it was in government. It purposely did not invest in roads. In relation to the specific query about FOIs —

Point of Order

Mr R.S. LOVE: The question was asked of the Minister for Planning.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mr R.S. LOVE: The point of order is that this is completely irrelevant. It is not about planning whatsoever.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: My office receives a number of FOI requests. The opposition, both the National and Liberal Parties, do not do any work so its FOIs are quite broad. For example, an FOI may request everything to do with Matagarup Bridge from 1 March to now—everything! As a result of the massive scope of these FOIs, we have to work through them. I had to refine my FOIs to two or three days in some instances. I had to keep narrowing them until the exact hour that a document was presented. We are far more generous with our FOI process.

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: We are.

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The SPEAKER: Members! Your own minister is on her feet.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Opposition members, many of whom have not been in opposition before, do not understand the FOI system that we have all gone through, both in opposition and in government.

I do not have those particular notes in front of me, but we understand that the Leader of the National Party does not support gas coming onshore in the north west—we understand that. We understand that she does not support job-creating industries in WA. That has been her position —

Mr D.T. Redman: You don't support regional communities.

The SPEAKER: Member! Your own leader has asked a question; hear the answer.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: There is evidence and evidence of all that we are doing in regional WA. The National Party's members' evidence is bumper stickers. That is what they have got. All that they have ever done is good bumper stickers, basically. We are supporting gas development in WA. We are supporting Woodside in trying to make sure it gets more projects to create more jobs and prosperity for WA.