

LIVE EXPORT — MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

**444. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. Why is the Premier putting our \$8 billion agricultural sector at risk to back this minister and is this just another example of the Premier hand-picking the wrong person for the job?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

It is so pathetic, Mr Speaker. The Leader of the National Party is so lightweight. She is a lightweight up against a heavyweight in Alannah MacTiernan. She is a formidable person. For the Leader of the Nationals to come in here with her record and attack someone of the minister's capability, stature and reputation in Western Australia is simply pathetic. The simple fact of the matter is that Livestock Shipping Services has pulled out because of a range of factors, but in particular because of a reduction in stocking levels on the ships put in place by the federal government.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bateman and Leader of the National Party!

**Mr M. McGOWAN:** The Liberals and Nationals in this place are a disgrace.