

SALARIES AND ALLOWANCES AMENDMENT (DEBT AND DEFICIT REMEDIATION) BILL 2017

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

I have a supplementary question. Does the Premier agree that it is hypocritical of his government to ask 3 000 public servants to share the pain of budget repair while he and two of his colleagues remain on the rolled gold super scheme?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I think it is hypocritical of the National Party to discuss anything financial in this place. It is the most financially illiterate party of any Parliament in this country, including the New South Wales Greens and, in fact, including the ACT Greens! That is how bad it is.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The National Party is the biggest budget wrecker in the history of this Parliament or any Parliament in this country. It is the most useless, profligate party I have ever seen.

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West Central!

Mr M. McGOWAN: All the Leader of the National Party does now is say that she cares about these things, but, as the current Minister for Water identified correctly, when she was Minister for Water she was sacking—what?—500 people. Now, she is in here saying —

Point of Order

Mr V.A. CATANIA: Mr Speaker, the Premier —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, he will be heard in silence.

Mr V.A. CATANIA: This is under relevance, Mr Speaker. The Premier is not answering the question. The question was specifically towards members of Parliament's pensions, not about the state of the finances and the previous government.

The SPEAKER: I am sure that the Premier will get back onto the point.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: I note that the member for North West Central's father is a recipient of the pension scheme and no doubt he will be a recipient of that in due course.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, there you go.

In relation to the Leader of the National Party's claims about people losing their jobs —

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for North West Central to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: It is a voluntary targeted separation scheme in order to deal with the financial situation we face. It is due to save around \$350 million, but it is voluntary.

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for North West Central to order for the second time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Go home and talk to daddy about it, my friend—the daddy who got you into the Parliament and then you ratted on the side that he got you in on!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: You ratted on the side that got you into Parliament.

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West Central, I call you to order for the third time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: He is the most disgraceful member I have ever seen in this place, that bloke.

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We have a voluntary targeted separation scheme in place—it is voluntary. I urge public servants with an interest in taking it up to examine the details and if it interests them, they can put in an expression of interest. It may well meet the needs of many people across our state and help us manage the difficult financial situation we face.