

BANK LEVY — TURNBULL GOVERNMENT

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

I have a supplementary question. Does this mean that the Premier's government will be looking for similar revenue sources along the same lines as the federal government, given that he supports the federal Labor Party's support for this position?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I thank the Leader of the National Party for the supplementary question. I am not quite sure where she is going with this. She is certainly not Perry Mason with her question.

Ms M.J. Davies: I am not claiming to be. I am asking you a question. Answer it.

Mr M. McGOWAN: I am attempting to. I think where the member is going has something to do with the mining tax that the National Party attempted to put in place during the course of the last election campaign. I think that is where she is going. As we have indicated before, the \$5 a tonne mining tax on two companies was not something that we supported during the election campaign and it is not something that we support into the future. I remind the member that we have in the house now the new member for Pilbara, Kevin Michel, who will make a speech shortly. He was elected not just because of his good qualities and his very good campaign, but also because only Labor was supportive of our mining industry in Western Australia and the Liberals and the National Party were a threat to the jobs of anyone who works in mining in this state.