

PLASTIC BAGS — CITY OF FREMANTLE BAN

842. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Environment:

I have a supplementary question. When will the minister stand up for the environment rather than allowing ideas from the 1950s to dominate his thinking?

Mr A.P. JACOB replied:

Mr Speaker, I heard —

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

Mr A.P. JACOB: I was not; that was 30 years before my time, Treasurer! I caught some of those interjections.

Mr R.H. Cook: I called you a joke.

Mr A.P. JACOB: The member was calling democracy a joke.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Kwinana, I call you to order now for the second time; member for Cannington for the third time; and member for Fremantle for the second time. We have exactly one minute left of question time—a quick answer, please.

Mr A.P. JACOB: I just find this a bizarre question—the idea that now, all of a sudden, the Parliament should subvert itself to the government. I can see some attractions in that, but the Legislative Council is free to make decisions as it wishes.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: If members want to have a constitutional argument, they should take it outside or organise a seminar. A quick answer—sorry, that concludes question time.