

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

500. Mr D.C. NALDER to the Premier:

I thought we heard that the first time! On behalf of the member for Carine, I would like to acknowledge in the public gallery this afternoon the year 5 and 6 students from Our Lady of Grace School.

Given that the Premier is slugging Western Australian households with massive electricity price hikes, taxing small businesses and cutting Western Australian jobs, will he start showing some leadership, give up his gold-plated pension, switch to the superannuation scheme of his backbench —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Mines and Petroleum, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Will the Premier start showing some leadership —

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Dawesville, I call you to order for the second time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Will the Premier start showing some leadership, give up his gold-plated pension, switch to the superannuation scheme —

Ms S.F. McGurk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Child Protection, the member is on his feet. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: Will the Premier start showing some leadership, give up his gold-plated pension, switch to the superannuation scheme of his backbench, and make his ministers pay back the double-dipping on their car allowance?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I have before me the Leader of the Opposition's impost account report for his travel to the United States on 18 December 2010, and I would like to quote from it. The cost of the travel was \$14 495, and I just want to quote the second paragraph. It states —

In Vancouver, I had a family holiday from 18 December 2010 — 3 January 2011.

A 17-day holiday right up-front! At the end of the report, the Leader of the Opposition has this to say. He obviously cut and pasted some information and it states —

On Sunday, 9 January 2011, I flew on United Airlines from Denver, Colorado to San Francisco for a family holiday until Monday, 17 January 2011.

It is the height of hypocrisy for members opposite —

Several members interjected.

Withdrawal of Remark

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The Leader of the Opposition knows that that is unparliamentary and impugns the Premier's reputation, and he should withdraw.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Mr Speaker, he is saying that —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Just wait! When a point of order has been made, there is silence. You cannot get up and change your mind about it when you have done it. Will you please withdraw.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Saying that he is a fraud? I withdraw it.

The SPEAKER: You are sailing very close to the wind.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: I point out that when the opposition refers to decisions made by the Salaries and Allowances Tribunal when the Liberal Party was in government and tries to say that it is somehow the responsibility of the current government, it is frankly preposterous. However, I note that the member for Bateman is a lot happier in opposition than he was in government.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I will get back to you, member for Churchlands. I call you to order for the first time.

Point of Order

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Mr Dean Nalder; Mr Mark McGowan; Mr David Templeman; Dr Mike Nahan

Mr D.C. NALDER: I refer to standing order 94 with regard to relevance and answering questions. The answers we are getting have no relevance to the question at all.

The SPEAKER: That is not a point of order. Get back to the point, Premier.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: The member for Bateman asked the question. Every day when I look at him, I see a much happier person than I did when he was on this side of the house. I was actually paying him a compliment! He is getting happier as the days go by.

Back to the question, all the superannuation arrangements are in place —

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The superannuation arrangements in place were put in place by the government of Richard Court, of which the member for Cottesloe was deputy leader. Those are the arrangements that exist today, and it was a decision of the Liberal Party.