

DANGEROUS SEXUAL OFFENDER — RELEASE

447. Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP to the Minister for Child Protection:

I have a supplementary question. DAL's release will occur under the government's watch. What will the minister and her agency do to ensure that children in and around the vicinity of DAL are protected?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

I joined the member for Dawesville just before question time with some students from Notre Dame University who are in the gallery watching the proceedings of question time. They were hosted by yourself, Mr Speaker. The member for Dawesville conceded that as Minister for Child Protection I would be spending most of my waking hours thinking about how we can better keep children in our community safe; how we can ensure that children in our community, particularly the most vulnerable, can be kept safe. I thank the member for that awareness about the burden on myself and also ministers of the government, whether it is in relation to child safety or in relation to road safety. When it comes to DAL, that is a matter before the courts, and I will not comment specifically about that matter. Our job in the Parliament is to make sure that we have strong laws.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Member for Cottesloe, you are laughing. You could laugh now because I am calling you to order for the first time.

Mr C.J. Barnett: I'm not laughing.

The SPEAKER: You were laughing.

Ms S.F. McGURK: That is what the Attorney General is responsible for. As I said, I thank him for his leadership and I think the opposition's performance on that measure is wanting indeed.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time.