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266.   Mrs A.K. HAYDEN to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. I note that the Premier's colleague Hon Kyle McGinn said in the other place last week that hardships at home and raising a family are harder than they used to be.

Mr M. McGowan: He said, what, sorry?

Several members interjected.

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: If I can get it out.

Mr M. McGowan: I cannot hear it, sorry.

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Sorry, Premier. If you could let the Premier listen, it would be nice.

The SPEAKER: Member, when you ask a supplementary, get up, ask it and then sit down. No interjections from my right side.

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Hon Kyle McGinn said in the other place last week that hardships at home and raising a family are harder than they used to be. Given the Premier's own member's acknowledgement that Western Australians are struggling as a result of the government's cost-of-living increases, will he apologise to the —

Point of Order

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: A supplementary question is a short supplementary to the initial question asked. This is a new question; it should be ruled out of order.

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: The Leader of the House knows there is nowhere in the standing orders that defines how a supplementary is to be asked.

The SPEAKER: Yes, there is.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: I do not think there is.

Mrs A.K. Hayden: It would have been shorter if I had asked it once.

The SPEAKER: I am sure you will get to the question very quickly.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I will make that decision, thank you.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. It would have been over by now. Hon Kyle McGinn said in the other place last week that hardships at home and raising a family are harder than they used to be. Given that the Premier's own members are acknowledging that Western Australians are struggling as a result of his cost-of-living increases, will he now apologise to Western Australians —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs A.K. HAYDEN: Totally out of touch.

Will he now apologise to Western Australians for making their life tougher as a result of his policies' cost-of-living increases; and, if not, why not?

Ms S.E. Winton interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I am unaware of the speech made by Hon Kyle McGinn.

Ms L. Mettam interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Yes, I am unaware of the speech made by Hon Kyle McGinn—just so the member for Vasse is aware.

According to the quote from the member for Darling Range, he said that hardships and raising a family are not as easy as they used to be. From raising three kids in the age of Facebook, Twitter and all the pressures of modern life compared with when I was a kid, I would agree with that statement. Modern pressures are different from when I was growing up. My oldest boy is 15 years of age. I was 15 in 1982. It is a different world now. Maybe what

Kyle McGinn was referring to is that the world is now different. However, when it comes to the broader issue of making sure we have jobs and economic development since we have been in office, 35 000 new jobs have been created. Last week Fortescue Metals Group expressed confidence in the state with its proposed Iron Bridge development. We saw the Albemarle development, which I turned the first sod on the week before last. Last week my government was front and centre at the LNG2019 conference in Shanghai, the only Premier at the LNG2019, which was well received. I met with CEOs from major corporations around the world promoting Western Australia. I can assure the house and the people of Western Australia that this is a government that is getting on with the job of creating jobs and opportunities for citizens in our state.