

ESPERANCE TANKER JETTY — DEMOLITION

**549. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Heritage:**

I have a supplementary question. I ask the minister again: does he have the full support of every single cabinet colleague for this decision, including the support of the Minister for Ports and the Minister for Transport?

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:**

Of course, I could ask the member for Roe this question: does he support his leader and, indeed, is there widespread support for his leader?

Several members interjected.

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** I do not think so, member, because we know that earlier this week the fitness fanatic was out there on Monday morning.

Several members interjected.

*Point of Order*

**Mr R.S. LOVE:** This answer has nothing to do with the question. This is a vital matter for the people of Esperance. We want to hear an answer.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, we will hear the point of order in silence. Sit! The member asked the minister the question: did he have the support of the cabinet? That is the leg in the door that the minister has grabbed.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** The member is asking me whether I have support. Do I have your support?

Government members: Yes!

**Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN:** Thank you very much. Does the member for Roe support the efforts of the member for North West Central in his erosion of the status of the current leader of the Nationals WA? I ask the same question of the fellow sitting to the left of the current Leader of the National Party, because we keep hearing whispers. The last week of Parliament before the winter break is always very interesting because all sorts of things go on in the corridors. We know that lots of things were going on in the corridors earlier this week that were a leftover from last Friday afternoon, when that missive about a spill in the Nationals WA party room would be taking place on Tuesday. It fell over. On Monday morning, the member for North West Central was out there with his rugby-type aspects, running around, and now he is nowhere to be seen. Do not ask me whether there are people on my side who do not support me; have a look around you, sir, because there is the empty chair. There it is. The empty chair is speaking to us as I stand here. I am very confident that the outcome for the people of Esperance and for the jetty will be a good one. I encourage people to continue to visit Esperance. It is a magnificent and beautiful part of Western Australia. It has a lot to offer so many people from all parts of the world, and I encourage them to keep going there.

**The SPEAKER:** You were right. I apologise to the Minister for Tourism—his answer was not the longest.