

GAMBLING MACHINES — REGIONAL AREAS

488. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Community Services:

I have a supplementary question. Why should gamblers not be able to get assistance because the government the minister is part of has made such a mess of the state's finances?

Mr A.J. SIMPSON replied:

This government is fully committed to supporting the community sector. I could stand here —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the third time; member for Fremantle, for the third time.

Mr A.J. SIMPSON: I can guarantee that we will continue funding the financial counselling process after the three years is up. We are fully supportive. I could stand here all afternoon and talk about 150 community organisations funded for the community and supporting our community. This government is committed to the community sector.