

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING — FREMANTLE RELOCATION

655. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Finance:

I ask a supplementary question. This government refused to replace the fragile Fremantle Traffic Bridge and all but ignored the warders' cottages and still there is no word on relocating —

Mr P.T. Miles interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Fremantle, you asked a question on the closing of a hospital and the loss of 1 900 jobs. If you want to ask a supplementary question, it has to follow on from where you asked the question.

Ms S.F. McGURK: It does, Mr Speaker.

Several members interjected.

Ms S.F. McGURK: This government has refused to replace the fragile traffic bridge, all but ignored the warders' cottages and still there is no word —

Point of Order

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Mr Speaker, you have insisted in question time today that ministers be allowed to answer questions in silence. I would appreciate it if we could ensure that the member for Fremantle can ask her question in silence. Each time she has been on her feet, members on the other side have been booing, hissing and catcalling, and this should not be considered appropriate behaviour in Parliament.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I note that that is not appropriate behaviour in Parliament.

Dr K.D. HAMES: Mr Speaker, the rules on supplementary questions are very clear. As you said, it has to relate to the question. In the past, when this side has had preamble before a question, we hear a massive shout —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members for Kwinana, Armadale and Bassendean, I call you to order now. We have just heard points of order and questions in silence. I do not think you have to labour the point. If you are going to ask a supplementary question, it has to be a supplementary to the primary question that you have asked.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms S.F. McGURK: Mr Speaker, my primary question was whether this government will honour its commitment to relocate the Department of Housing and therefore jobs to Fremantle. My supplementary question is: will this government do anything to honour that commitment to relocate the Department of Housing to Fremantle and will it do anything to assist the economic revitalisation of Perth's second city?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I am not sure there is much more I can add other than that the Department of Finance is currently undertaking analysis to see what agencies can be decentralised to Fremantle.