

LEVEL CROSSING — DENNY AVENUE, KELMSCOTT

774. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Only one part of my question was answered.

Why did the minister not agree to meet with me and the former federal member for Canning, the late Don Randall, but he agreed to meet the candidate for the Liberal Party to have a further opportunity during the by-election? He would not meet the elected parliamentary representatives. It is a disgrace—an absolute disgrace! I would like an answer to my question.

The SPEAKER: Minister, it is a supplementary question. If you wish to answer, it is up to you.

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

I am more than happy to talk about the focus on what this government is doing around an integrated transport solution.

Point of Order

Dr A.D. BUTI: I have a point of relevance.

The SPEAKER: We are running out of time. A supplementary question was asked. If you want to answer it, answer it succinctly and to the point.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.C. NALDER: The member for Armadale wanted to meet with me out there. My office set aside some times and I said, “I’m not going to go out there —

Dr A.D. Buti: You never! That is a lie and you know that is a lie.

Withdrawal of Remark

The SPEAKER: Just withdraw that, please.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Police, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Armadale, withdraw that, please.

Dr A.D. BUTI: I will withdraw it, Mr Speaker —

The SPEAKER: No, no.

Dr A.D. BUTI: But —

The SPEAKER: I asked you to withdraw it; just withdraw without qualification.

Dr A.D. BUTI: All right. I withdraw it. And we will see what happens later.

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

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.C. NALDER: Is the member finished? The member for Armadale has got to let me finish.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the third time.

Mr D.C. NALDER: The member has got to let me finish, because he is getting so upset about a certain aspect. What I said to the member for Armadale was, “I don’t want any political circus; I’m not going to come out there.”

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale!

Mr D.C. NALDER: What I actually did was I went out there quietly on my own, with the department —

Dr A.D. Buti: You went out with the candidate!

Mr D.C. NALDER: Forget that; this was before—let me get there!

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the second time.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West Central, I call you to order for the first time; and member for Wanneroo, for the first time. We are running out of time—a short answer.

Mr D.C. NALDER: I want to give a short answer, but I cannot get an answer out.

I went out there on my own, with the Public Transport Authority—no other members of Parliament from either side, not even on our side. I went out there on my own and investigated the situation to understand the broader planning issues around the whole of Denny Avenue—it is not just about the crossing. The morning I went out—I did go out with the candidate for Canning—what occurred was the day before there was an accident, and I got a phone call saying, “Can we get you out there first thing in the morning?” There was an opportunity for me. It was a last-minute thing, and there was an opportunity to go out. There was an accident the previous day, and I had an opportunity to call out there, and I do not see anything wrong with that.