

GOVERNMENT OFFICES — RELOCATION

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

- (1) Has the government broken its promise to relocate 80 000 square metres of government office space, including moving the Department of Commerce to the suburb of Stirling?

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, the member for Fremantle does not need your assistance. I call you to order for the first time.

Ms S.F. McGURK: To continue —

- (2) Does the government still intend to honour its commitment to relocate the Department of Housing to Fremantle, key divisions of WA Police to Murdoch and 600 public servants to Joondalup?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

- (1)–(2) I see this as a really important issue for the state as the city is growing so rapidly. There is a need to consider alternative ways to decentralise the population out of Perth. That said, it is critical that we understand the business case and the financial viability of each of the situations we are looking at. The government is committed to ensuring that it will investigate these opportunities to the nth degree so the decisions we make are the right ones for the population of Western Australia. At this point, I need to get finalised business cases so I can provide a more accurate response. I will do so when that information is at hand.

Mr D.J. Kelly interjected.

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

Mr P.C. Tinley interjected.

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

Mr P.C. Tinley: I am here to help.

The SPEAKER: Sorry?

Mr P.C. Tinley: Thank you, Mr Speaker.