

WOMEN'S INTERESTS — SENIOR PUBLIC LEADERS — GENDER EQUITY TARGETS

623. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I have a supplementary question. I am still none the wiser —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Emergency Services, member for Collie–Preston, please.

Ms S.F. McGURK: Could the minister tell us the government's targets for the public sector to ensure that there is more gender equity throughout the public sector?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

The opposition is obsessed with targets and quotas. We promote people on merit. We actively seek women of merit for positions. That is why we have 43.5 per cent of women on our boards. That is why we have 35 per cent of women at the senior executive level in the public sector and that is why we now have 22 per cent participation of women in the police.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.