

WORKPLACE BEHAVIOUR — LEADER OF THE NATIONALS — LETTER OF COMPLAINT

458. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Women's Interests:

I have a supplementary question. What signal has the Premier sent to vulnerable people in workplaces across —

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Okay, where is my protection when I am being interjected upon?

Ms A. Sanderson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Minister for Tourism, I call you to order for the first time. Member for Morley, I was on my feet, so I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

What signal has the Premier sent to vulnerable people in workplaces across Western Australia who are too scared to stand up to bullying and intimidation in the workplace, and will the minister now call on him to make an apology for his handling of this issue?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

Mr Speaker, I can say again without fear of contradiction —

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

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

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

The SPEAKER: I call you to order for the second time, member for Scarborough. This is not a shouting match.

Ms S.F. McGURK: I think all of us in here understand —

Point of Order

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: The Minister for Tourism is intimidating the Deputy Leader of the Opposition while she is trying to listen to the answer. She is trying to listen to the answer and he is interjecting across the chamber intimidating the Deputy Leader of the Opposition.

The SPEAKER: How is he intimidating her?

Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE: He is verballing her across the chamber while she is trying to listen to the minister.

The SPEAKER: I did not see anything.

Ms A. Sanderson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Morley, I call you to order for the second time. A point of order will be heard in silence. I do not think it was a point of order.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms S.F. McGURK: Mr Speaker, I would really appreciate it if people on both sides of the house would just let me answer the question—and that is, that I believe that the Premier's response was in context to what occurred in this house. That is not necessarily a comment on the woman, Hon Mia Davies, who made the comment, but actually the person sitting behind her. That is that the claims that were made were quite different about some sort of intimidating behaviour by the Minister for Water. I think most of us, certainly on this side, are incredibly dubious about the member for North West Central's ability to tell the truth. That is the reality.

Point of Order

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The minister in her response has impugned the character of another member in this place.

The SPEAKER: What is the point of order?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I ask that she desist from calling members in this place "dubious".

The SPEAKER: It is not a point of order. Minister, you will get to the end of this, please. Finish it up.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms S.F. McGURK: I am making the point that the concerns are that there were conflicting accounts of what occurred, and I think that most people —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, this is becoming a farce. This is a very serious issue. I call the member for North West Central and the Leader of the Nationals WA to order for the first time. Minister, can you get to the end of this, please.

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Mrs Liza Harvey; Ms Simone McGurk; Mr Sean L'Estrange

Ms S.F. McGURK: I am trying to, Mr Speaker. My comment is in relation to the member for North West Central and that is that he has no credibility in this house. Any claim that he makes is made on the back of years and years of duplicity. That is the context in which I believe the Premier made his comment. I again urge all members of this house to put into context the claims that are being made of so-called intimidation. As I said today, I am dubious about whether there is any veracity in those claims, and I again make a very strong personal endorsement for the Minister for Water.