

PERTH FREIGHT LINK — SIGNAGE REMOVAL

570. Ms S.F. McGURK to the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Did the minister authorise, or was he aware, that Main Roads was involved in the removal of signs protesting against the Perth Freight Link?
- (2) Did he know that signs were removed from properties, sometimes at night, including from walls of the homes of Palmyra residents—the same homes that he is threatening to bulldoze?
- (3) Will he condemn this jackboot suppression of community democracy, apologise to residents and order the immediate return of their signs?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

- (1)–(3) I became aware of this issue only last night, and I was asked questions this morning upon entering Parliament about whether I was aware of or had been involved in this matter at all; so, no, my office has had nothing do with it. Something similar occurred to me during the election campaign when corflutes were suddenly removed. Councils and Main Roads are involved in the removal of illegal signage, so from an operating perspective I do not engage with the Department of Transport as to what it is doing as far as removing signs. When it comes to ripping a sign off someone's wall, if it is a government department that is doing that, I think that is taking it too far, so I have put in a question and am seeking a response from the director general.