

GAMBLING — FINANCIAL COUNSELLING

**819. Mrs A.K. HAYDEN to the Minister for Community Services:**

I have a supplementary question. What advice did the minister provide the Premier on the implications of expanding gaming —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time.

Several members interjected.

**Mrs A.K. HAYDEN:** Seriously! Do members want to start that on their side, really?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** It is the last question, guys. Just relax.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**Mrs A.K. HAYDEN:** The member for Swan Hills called me a horrible person. I ask her to withdraw that.

**The SPEAKER:** What did she say?

**Mrs A.K. HAYDEN:** “Horrible person”.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Has everybody finished? I do not think it is a point of order. I have been here 17 years and I have been called a lot worse than that—not a horrible woman, but I have been called very bad things.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs A.K. HAYDEN:** That is okay. I can wear it. I will start again.

What advice did the minister provide to the Premier on the implications of expanding gaming, including the impact on household finances, the increased prevalence of family and domestic violence and the increased services that will come under financial counselling or did the minister just sit silent and not represent her stakeholders?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! Before we get an answer, I remind everyone that a supplementary question is short and it refers to the previous question.

**Ms S.F. McGURK replied:**

We are not expanding gaming, so I am not sure what advice I am expected to give the Premier on this point. As I said, I am very comfortable with the support we have given the Financial Counselling Network in this state and the way it and the not-for-profit sector are working generally at present.

**The SPEAKER:** That is the end of question time.