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Dr Mike Nahan; Mr David Templeman; Ms Libby Mettam; Mrs Alyssa Hayden; Mr Mark McGowan; Mr Vincent Catania; Mr Bill Johnston

CHRISTMAS RETAIL TRADING HOURS

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [3.11 pm] — without notice: I move —

That so much of standing orders be suspended as is necessary to enable the following motion to be moved forthwith —

That this house calls on the McGowan government to immediately reverse its cuts to retail shopping hours over the Christmas period to provide jobs and allow Western Australian businesses to compete against the increasing disruption from online retailing.

Standing Orders Suspension — Amendment to Motion

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Leader of the House) [3.11 pm]: There has been some discussion behind the Chair, so I would like to add to the motion. I move —

To insert after “forthwith” —

, subject to the debate being limited to 15 minutes for government members, 15 minutes for Liberal members, and up to five minutes for Nationals members

Amendment put and passed.

Standing Orders Suspension — Motion, as Amended

The SPEAKER: As this is a motion without notice to suspend standing orders, it will need an absolute majority in order to succeed. If I hear a dissentient voice, I will be required to divide the Assembly.

Question put and passed with an absolute majority.

Motion

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [3.12 pm]: I move the motion. I have moved this motion because Christmas is coming and this year the government has chosen to cut back on the extra hours that it and the previous government allowed for Christmas shopping. We need to get it done now, so that if the government changes its mind it could be re-gazetted. When he was Leader of the Opposition, the member for Rockingham was a great champion of deregulating shopping hours. We heard some responses in question time today. He championed it. He pushed for it. He argued for it. He supported deregulation when the previous government did. He was also the champion of vibrancy in not only opposition, but also when he was a member of a previous Labor government and championed small bars. Small bars worked and have made a significant impact on the vibrancy and lifestyle of particularly the Perth metropolitan area. It was a great contribution.

He also campaigned on jobs for Western Australians. Some of the now Premier’s statements were highlighted in an excellent piece by Gary Adshead today titled “Shopping riddle needs answer”. That is why I moved this suspension to standing orders. Basically, when in opposition the now Premier said —

... [the] trading issue has dragged on for too long and needs to be resolved, ... “It’s a mess, it’s confusing, it’s bad for tourism, it’s uncertain for consumers.”

All right. When the Barnett government went through a number of steps towards deregulation, particularly on Sunday trading, the now Premier agreed with them—he championed them. In fact, he today said that he brought the changes forward because the Nationals WA chose to vote against the reforms. While in opposition he voted with the government because he said he was committed to the changes.

Retail trading is flat to negative in this state. The Treasurer keeps saying he cannot find any data that is not positive—that is because he is not actually looking. Certain sectors of the economy are going through very difficult times. Retail traders tell me these times are amongst the worst in 30 years. We also need jobs. We need young people to work part time at Christmas. It is a vital and ongoing part of the job cycle for young people to go work at Myers and other stores during Christmas, particularly for those at university or TAFE. They need the extra hours. Importantly, online shopping is escalating very rapidly and taking away local business. To see that, all we have to do is look at the Black Friday online ads of recent times. People can shop online 24 hours a day, seven days a week; if the shops are locked up, people just shop online. It is not quite as fun, but if people want to shop and have no other choices, that is what happens.

So what has the government done? The previous Liberal–National government expanded Christmas shopping by 49 hours and when in opposition this government agreed to it, and last Christmas it used the words in a media

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release “Extra trading hours to give retailers a Christmas boost”—49 hours, just like the previous government. The media release went on —

“The McGowan Government wants consumers and major Perth retailers to take full advantage of Christmas and post-Christmas shopping this year,” ...

So it recognised that retailers and consumers wanted it, so it gave it a boost.

What has it done this year? It has dropped it back to 34 hours. Why? It says no-one is using the extra hours. But give retailers the choice to employ people, open up and compete with online service providers. The explanation given by the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations—a former member of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association —

Mr W.J. Johnston: No, I’m not.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Yes, you were—you were a member.

Mr W.J. Johnston: No. I have never been a member of the SDA —

Dr M.D. NAHAN: You were the leader of it!

Mr W.J. Johnston: Never —

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Okay; you were the head of it!

Why has the Premier done a giant backflip on a value set—something that he repeatedly stated that he held as top value? It was one of the values that he was committed to. Now he has done a complete backflip on it—why? Who does he stand for? Consumers? Retailers? Jobs?

Also in *The West Australian*, Peter O’Keeffe said —

“They can put up the arguments and we’ll attack them,” ... “We’re up for a fight.”

The union is not going to allow not just relaxation, but any changes to shopping hours. This government is going to pull back on shopping hours. The problem, as expected, is that what controls the Labor Party is the union movement, particularly those that very heavily funded the Labor Party—the “shoppies”. It is now in charge of policy. The values before espoused by the Premier—his commitment to vibrancy, choice in shopping, jobs and protecting local jobs against online sales—have given way to the power of the unions. We ask the government to think back to who voted it in. The unions might have funded the Labor Party, but it got the votes of many Western Australians who want the jobs and activity, and who want to compete against offshore online providers. Do the right thing by Western Australia.

MS L. METTAM (Vasse) [3.18 pm]: I would also like to contribute to debate on this motion that reads —

That this house calls on the McGowan government to immediately reverse its cuts to retail shopping hours over the Christmas period to provide jobs and allow Western Australian businesses to compete against the increasing disruption from online retailing.

Many in this house are aware that we have the most restrictive trading hours in the country. The retail figures for Western Australia are flat; in fact, the most recently recorded figures show a decline in Western Australia against growth across the country. In contrast, online sales here are growing and they represent a significant threat to the retail sector and, most importantly, to the people of Western Australia. The tourism industry also wants choice when it comes to the shopping experience, particularly at Christmas time, which is a very important season for people who are looking for the shopping experience.

I refer to the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia’s comments that the Western Australian state government’s refusal to keep up with the twenty-first century is pushing shoppers online and leaving traditional WA retailers to teeter on the brink. As I stated, there has been a growth in online shopping against declines in the retail sector. We do not tell online stores to turn off their websites so we should not tell WA businesses to shut their doors. That is exactly the premise of the suspension of standing orders that the WA Liberal opposition is supporting today. I also refer to a statement from the Sensis Business Survey that came out today. Again it shows that WA beat only the Northern Territory on retail trade. I quote from its media statement —

“With 20% of small and medium businesses in Western Australia feeling the economy is slowing, trailing the national average by a seven-point net balance, they are still feeling the pinch of tough trading conditions.”

The WA Liberal opposition supports the vibrancy of Perth. We cannot afford to go back to the days of the Dullsville tag, which was supported by a then Labor government. I refer to the comments of the then Leader of the Opposition, now Premier McGowan, in 2012, which were well articulated today. In fighting words for the retail sector, he said —

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“I made it very clear to my colleagues that the Sunday trading issue has dragged on for too long and needs to be resolved,” he said at the time. “It’s a mess, it’s confusing, it’s bad for tourism, it’s uncertain for consumers.”

Although those comments were about Sunday trading, the link to Christmas hours and the need to open our retail sector to the opportunity to support consumers, 74 per cent of whom want to have that choice, this is a real blow. It is a real disappointment that those fighting words have already been contradicted by a Premier who has gone to water over pressure from the union.

I also come to this place as the opposition spokesperson for tourism. We know that Chinese visitors are one of the most lucrative parts of the international tourism sector. I refer to the lead author of the Bankwest report, Associate Professor Cecilia Xia from the Faculty of Science and Engineering at Curtin University. The report states that the key to growing tourism is that the tourism and retail spend could be increased by \$291 million in the state if we support a more flexible regime for retail trading hours. That is what our tourists are saying and that is what 74 per cent of consumers are saying they want for the vibrancy of Perth, given we have seen the worst tourism numbers in this state—a quarter of a billion dollars in lost revenue from the international visitor spend. It is the international visitor spend that we should be supporting and the message from the business community, but, most importantly, from 74 per cent of consumers, is that they want choice in this area.

MRS A.K. HAYDEN (Darling Range) [3.24 pm]: I, too, rise on behalf of the people of Western Australia on this very important suspension of standing orders. They are now finding out, nearly two years in, that the man they were promised on election day is not the man they are getting under this Premier. In fact, the media has highlighted in more than one, more than two, more than three—in fact, in more than five articles in today’s paper—articles that they condemn this government and this Premier for their decision to backflip again on the decisions and opinions that they took to the election. Instead of seeing a Premier of this state, we are seeing the grinch of Christmas. As government members are increasing the cost of living for Western Australian families, young people and seniors by \$700 a year, and it is going up, they are now restricting their opportunities to earn extra cash at a time when it is important. Everyone knows that if you work in the retail sector, your peak period—which is Christmas—is your opportunity to earn that extra cash. It is your opportunity to work extra hours to put money in your pocket, if not just to look after yourself, but now to pay for those extra bills that this government has put on people. It is also an opportunity for retailers that have been struggling for the last two years to be able to get more sales. It is a well-known fact that the peak Christmas period accounts for up to 30 per cent of the retail sector’s sales. This government is handcuffing the people of Western Australia’s ability to earn extra cash. It is handcuffing the businesses of Western Australia’s ability to get more cash through their tills. This Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations and the Premier of this state are not looking after the people they said they would look after. In this place only last week, the Premier said on Tuesday, 20 November —

... Labor that is more on the side of low-income people who work for a living. ... I am on the side of those people who do it tough, who go through adversity in their lives, who through no fault of their own need government support and those people who work for a living.

Premier, put your money where your mouth is. These people need the extra hours. They need to earn the extra cash. They rely on the peak season for their work, and businesses rely on the peak season to get people through their doors and make sales. My question is: who is running this state? It is certainly not those on the frontbench and it is certainly not those on the backbench. Through the articles in the paper today, it is obvious that the unions are running this government. The unions are threatening this government, businesses and workers, saying, “If you put up a fight, we will fight back.” It is the usual bullying tactics of a union that is coming in and dictating to the frontbench and this cabinet how they will run things. The Premier has backflipped on his statements in 2012 in his first press conference after taking the position from the former Leader of the Opposition, Hon Eric Ripper, in saying that deregulated trading hours are a mess. Premier, stand by your words. Stop talking the talk and start walking the walk. The people who voted you in expect you to.

MR M. MCGOWAN (Rockingham — Premier) [3.27 pm]: The government will not support this motion by the Liberal Party. I will explain why to the house. Firstly, we made the decision on this issue more than two months ago; the opposition brought in this motion two months after we made the decision and the announcement. Somehow they did not notice before now. It was eight weeks and five days ago, or thereabouts, that we made this announcement.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. MCGOWAN: I am just making the point that the Liberal Party does not seem to know what is going on.

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The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr I.C. Blayney): Thank you, members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: Mr Acting Speaker, I did not interject on them. We made this announcement nearly nine weeks ago, which included many weeks of parliamentary sitting in which members opposite could have raised it. I do not think they asked me a single question about the matter. That is how important it was to them.

Mrs A.K. Hayden interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Mr Acting Speaker, I did not interject on them.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, I will have to start calling you if you keep interjecting.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Members opposite did not regard it as an important issue until, as the member said, they saw Gary Adshead write a column about the matter. In what state and of what quality is the Liberal Party in this state when an issue that is now magnified into this massive issue was not an issue nine weeks ago and for the last nine weeks?

The second point I will make is that the Liberal Party constantly misuses parliamentary standing orders. A matter of public interest is available to opposition members, and they do not use it. They come in here and suspend standing orders, even though when they do make an MPI, it is normally pathetic. A matter of public interest was available to them and this issue could have been raised, but they did not do it. The so-called upholders of convention once again show themselves to be the disregarders of convention in Western Australia.

The third point I want to make is that each year the minister responsible for this area, the Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations, makes a decision on what the extended trading hours will be for the following Christmas. That process occurs each and every year, and the decision is based upon a range of factors. These are not normal trading hours. These are additional trading hours for Christmas. The Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations and I talked about the matter and, in light of the fact that early morning trading in early December was a very poorly attended by customers but a lot of small business people and retail workers had to work longer hours—bear in mind that the hours of that time of year are very long—we decided that it was not required. That was our judgement. Having grown up in a small business I understand that the hours are long. At this time of year businesses are basically open into the night. They are open until nine o'clock.

Dr M.D. Nahan interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Let me speak.

Shops are open until nine o'clock because, generally, if people want to do a bit of Christmas shopping, they do not do it at seven o'clock in the morning. They do it after five. I do not know how the families of members opposite work, but if I want to do some Christmas shopping to buy the kids some presents or buy a ham, I do not do it at seven in the morning. I go at five, six, seven, or eight o'clock—especially in the two weeks leading to Christmas. That is ordinary family behaviour. That is the way it works for 99 per cent of people. For the one per cent of people who need to buy their kids or their mum a Christmas present because they forgot, that generally happens a couple of days before Christmas, so if people have to go at seven in the morning, shops will be open then. If people have to go late, they can go late. Let us say that someone like one of us, who might be a very busy person is going to use the extended hours, it will be in that week or two before Christmas because I am very busy and I generally do these things at the last moment. That is the way I work, anyway. Fortunately, I have a wife who is very organised and will have all that sorted already. Let me be honest—if I need to buy my wife something, it may well be in the last few days as we approach the day. When am I going to go? Am I going to go to the jeweller or to JB Hi-Fi at seven o'clock in the morning? No!

Several members interjected.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Thank you, members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I am going to go at five, six, seven or eight—up until nine o'clock. The shops will all be open then. The hours allow for that. We have removed early mornings early in December. No-one was there but local shopkeepers had to open shops because that is the done thing and the expectation of the shopping centre owners. I feel for those people. They do not have easy lives.

Ms R. Saffioti: Genuine small businesses.

Mr M. McGOWAN: They are genuine small businesses. They do not have easy lives and taking an hour of pressure off them or a retail worker early in the morning is a fair thing to do.

I know this has caused a little bit of heat. I read in the paper that Richard Goyder and Rob Scott do not like it. We have different views. Regarding pressure from unions, I think it would be fair to say that the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association would be dissatisfied with what the government has done.

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Trading hours will be extended on weekends and nights all through December. From 17 December or so they will be from seven o'clock in the morning. In my view, 34 additional hours of trading is more than enough.

MR V.A. CATANIA (North West Central) [3.34 pm]: On behalf of the National Party, I would like to put forward our position. Over the years the National Party has probably had the only consistent position on retail trading hours in this Parliament. The National Party supports small businesses, farmers, pastoralists and primary producers, and has been consistent in ensuring that our trading hours do not allow the dominance of the two big retailers in the state, being Coles and Woolworths. The National Party has had a very strong stance supporting small businesses to limit the market share and the dominance the two big retailers have in this state and this country. This state's retail trading hours rules have not allowed Coles and Woolworths to have the same market share or dominance as they do in the rest of the country.

I think it was Doug Shave under the Court government who put forward the trading hours legislation, which limited the number of hours one could trade. That has changed over time. The Gallop government commissioned a review in 2003, which resulted in a referendum in 2005. It asked the community two questions. One question was whether people wanted to trade late during the week, which 58 per cent of people voted against. The other question was about trading hours on Sunday, which 61 per cent voted against. It was pleasing to hear the final end of the debate about retail trading hours. That took the heat out of having these debates year after year. These debates about trading hours pop up every four or five years. Nothing has changed since that referendum. The National Party will not support this motion because it has been consistent in its approach to retail trading hours. We want to limit the amount of trading to ensure that the market dominance of the two major retailers does not apply pressure to primary producers and small businesses, which it currently does.

There is a lot of misunderstanding about trading hours. If they like, small businesses can open 24/7, but floor size and the number of employees on the floor are limited by our trading hours rules. That restricts the Coles and the Woolworths of the world and the larger chains across the state, such as IGA. Some people will ask about regional Western Australia, which has deregulation of trading hours. A lot of places do, but in reality the shops do not open.

I remember that the Karratha shopping centre had Coles at one end and Woolworths at the other. After five o'clock at night the gates went up across the shopping centre as all the small businesses closed. The two that remained open were Coles and Woolworths. I wonder whether it is the same now, but the member for Pilbara is not in the chamber. We do not need more trading hours. People have a limited amount of money to spend.

When it comes to opening up at seven o'clock in the morning on a Sunday, I think perhaps that people in businesses and employees can have a sleep-in or spend time with their families over the Christmas period. I cannot see how increasing trading hours will increase the number of jobs or the amount of money being spent. There is only so much money to go around.

We have heard the Premier's hypocrisy and the difference between when he was opposition and now that he is in government. The Liberal Party has been fairly consistent in its approach to the regulation of trading hours. The only party in this place that has protected small businesses when it comes to trading hours is the National Party of Western Australia. We will continue to protect small businesses and our primary producers.

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Commerce and Industrial Relations) [3.39 pm]: It is always amusing when, two months after the government makes a decision, the Liberal Party comes in here with its fake outrage. It has moved a suspension of standing orders, because two months ago the government made a decision. Members opposite are on the ball; they did not let grass grow under their feet, two months after the event. I want to take up one of the comments of the Leader of the Opposition. He said that last year, in a government media release, we said that people should take full advantage of the additional 49 hours. However, between 7.00 am and 8.00 am in the first three weeks of Christmas trading, nobody went to the shops. There was no demand. Also, no additional labour was engaged because of those extra hours. Let me make that clear again: no additional employees were engaged by retailers for last year's Christmas trading period above the number they had in other years. No additional hours were worked. Now the opposition is saying that retail workers should work at unsociable hours and not get rewarded for it. Liberal members are saying that retail workers should go to work and get paid exactly the same amount when they work at seven in the morning instead of eight in the morning. That is actually what they said, because no additional employees were engaged. All that has happened is that the hours that the employees would have worked were stretched over another 15 hours.

Several members interjected.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Mr Acting Speaker, I did not interject once during anybody else's contribution.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, I will have to start calling you soon if you keep interjecting.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Not one word did any member of this side of the house interject while members opposite were on their feet. The Liberal Party has a glass jaw. This is the problem with the Liberal Party—its members

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cannot handle it. They come in here and they cannot handle the fact that we point out the truth. An easy truth here is that extending Christmas trading hours did not lead to any worker getting any extra money. I am amused watching employer representatives, who are paid to represent employer interests, pretending to argue on behalf of workers. It is embarrassing watching them do that. They are paid by their members to represent their members' interests, and so they are doing a good job representing the interests of Coles and Woolworths, and I do not criticise them for representing the interests of these multinational companies, but let me make it clear that, if we want to talk about the interests of working people, there were no additional hours of work because of the additional trading hours in the mornings, and Coles and Woolies did not hire anybody else.

I turn to the idea that consumers should be able to shop when they want. Myer and David Jones do not trade at seven in the morning. Myer and David Jones currently do not open for all the hours they are authorised to open. Let me make that clear. Extending trading hours would not open one additional department store. Let us not pretend that it will. I love the fact that the Leader of the Opposition thinks that I was the secretary of the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association of WA before I entered Parliament. I was the secretary of the Labor Party, not the shop assistants union. I have never even belonged to the shop assistants union.

Dr M.D. Nahan: You were a senior official of that union.

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Now he is saying "senior official". Yes, I was. I was an industrial officer, but the Leader of the Opposition said I was the boss, and he also said I was a member. Neither of those things are true.

Mr P.A. Katsambanis: How can you be in the shop assistants union if you are not a member?

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: Because I am an employee. You do not have to belong to a union to work for it. I am an employee.

Mr P.A. Katsambanis: Which union do you belong to?

Mr W.J. JOHNSTON: I am a member of the Australian Services Union, but I do not understand how that has anything to do with this debate. I place that every year on my declaration, which I know members opposite all go away and read. One of the questions we are asked is whether we belong to a trade union, and I declare it, every year.

There is this myth that, somehow, our trading hours are different from those of other states. South Australia has almost identical trading hours to ours, including 11.00 am to 5.00 pm on Sundays. South east Queensland has restricted trading hours. The Australian Capital Territory does not let major shopping centres open late. The major shopping centres are restricted so that small business can have a go. I remind everybody that Paris does not allow trading on Sundays. I make the point that that is the world's number one tourist destination. More tourists go to Paris than to any other place in the world, and it does not trade on Sundays. We actually have more tourism trading opportunities than Paris. The idea that longer trading hours means more tourism is simply not true. Then there is the competition between online and offline trading. New South Wales has total deregulation of trading, and guess what? It has the highest use of online trading in Australia. The place that has the most liberal trading hours has the highest use of online shopping. This idea that if one is reduced the other increases is not borne out by evidence. That is in the Productivity Commission report. The Productivity Commission report also states that extended trading hours did not lead to additional jobs in retail in Victoria and New South Wales. There is no evidence at all to support this nonsense assertion that this is somehow about employment.

I get that Coles and Woolworths want to take market share from IGA and other independent retailers in their supermarkets. After all, we did increase the number of hours available for retailers over Christmas; we just did not increase it to the same extent as last year. Why is there a complaint about that? Because Coles and Woolies do not have the opportunity to compete with independent supermarkets. That is all we are debating. Department stores and clothing stores will not open at seven in the morning, because there are no customers. This is about supermarkets. That is what the complaint is. Chris Rodwell, from the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia, is doing a good job on behalf of his members, who are those large retailers, but let me make it clear that that does not mean we have to change our minds. Coles and Woolies having an extra hour of trading on a Monday morning three weeks before Christmas is not the end of the world. I understand that part of their business model is to try to take business off small retailers. When we extended hours from 6.00 pm to 9.00 pm under the last government, that is what occurred. The average sale at Coles and Woolies goes down when the trading hours are extended, because people make more frequent visits to the shops when they would otherwise have gone to service stations and convenience stores. We all understand that. It is nothing unusual; it has been happening for 35 years. But a debate about one hour on a Monday morning is a fake debate. This is a fake debate.

No additional employment was generated by the decision last year, and no less employment will be generated by the decision this year. There will be no more online retailing this year because of this decision, as there was no less last year. The arguments about online retailing are bizarre. I have seen some of the silly things said by people at the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Western Australia on this topic. I do not have time to go through all

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the silliness of those things, but let us get back to the facts. This motion is without merit. No wonder the Liberal Party cannot get its coalition colleagues to support it. It is without merit. It is based on a false assumption, and it comes two months after the decision was made.

Division

Question put and a division taken, the Acting Speaker (Mr I.C. Blayney) casting his vote with the ayes, with the following result —

Ayes (12)

Mr I.C. Blayney
Mrs A.K. Hayden
Dr D.J. Honey

Mr P. Katsambanis
Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup
Mr A. Krsticevic

Mr W.R. Marmion
Mr J.E. McGrath
Dr M.D. Nahan

Mr D.C. Nalder
Mr K. O'Donnell
Ms L. Mettam (*Teller*)

Noes (40)

Ms L.L. Baker
Dr A.D. Buti
Mr J.N. Carey
Mr V.A. Catania
Mrs R.M.J. Clarke
Mr R.H. Cook
Ms M.J. Davies
Ms J. Farrer
Mr M.J. Folkard
Ms E. Hamilton

Mr T.J. Healy
Mr W.J. Johnston
Mr D.J. Kelly
Mr F.M. Logan
Mr R.S. Love
Mr M. McGowan
Ms S.F. McGurk
Mr K.J.J. Michel
Mr S.A. Millman
Mr Y. Mubarakai

Mr M.P. Murray
Mr P. Papalia
Mr S.J. Price
Mr D.T. Punch
Mr J.R. Quigley
Ms M.M. Quirk
Mr D.T. Redman
Mrs M.H. Roberts
Ms C.M. Rowe
Mr P.J. Rundle

Ms R. Saffioti
Ms A. Sanderson
Mrs J.M.C. Stojkovski
Mr C.J. Tallentire
Mr D.A. Templeman
Mr P.C. Tinley
Mr R.R. Whitby
Ms S.E. Winton
Mr B.S. Wyatt
Mr D.R. Michael (*Teller*)

Pairs

Mrs L.M. Harvey
Mr S.K. L'Estrange

Mr M. Hughes
Mrs L.M. O'Malley

Question thus negatived.