

PERTH FREIGHT LINK — SIGNAGE REMOVAL

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the Minister for Transport, with a straight face, claim that small static signs on the side of the road should be removed because they are distractions when his government approved a massive, moving video screen above a busy freeway?

Mr D.C. NALDER replied:

Sometimes supplementary questions are asked and members have not listened to the answer. As I said, my office has had nothing to do with the removal of any signage. I know that both local government and government agencies, particularly Main Roads, will remove illegal signs from major main roads and applicable state roads, irrespective of what they are. I know that during election campaigns corflutes have been removed. I do not necessarily agree with it, or whatever, but it is an operating aspect of a government agency, and if they are acting in accordance with the rules and regulations that exist, I will not interfere with that. However, I acknowledge that if the department rips a sign off someone's wall, that seems to be taking it too far—that is, if it is a government agency that is actually undertaking that, and I cannot say that for certain.