

HOUSING — BENTLEY 360 PROJECT

760. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Housing:

I have a supplementary question. Why can the minister fast-track construction activity in the western suburbs but is completely unable to manage this critical state project that could have significantly helped ease our current housing crisis?

Mr J.N. CAREY replied:

This is an extraordinary situation. That second question demonstrates the point that I was making—that the member for Cottesloe has an absolute and clear failure to understand basic housing economics. He does not understand and he does not engage.

Dr D.J. Honey: Four years!

Mr J.N. CAREY: The member for Cottesloe, who is prepared to lecture everyone else, failed to listen to industry—builders who work in the sector—about current market conditions. After seven years, this opposition does not have one housing policy solution. In fact, the only policy solution that side has, championed by the member for Cottesloe, is more red tape for housing approvals.

Dr D.J. Honey interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: The Leader of the Liberal Party says nothing. She is dictated to by Hon Nick Goiran and the member for Cottesloe.

Ms L. Mettam interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: We get zero from the Leader of the Liberal Party—nothing!

Ms L. Mettam: Social housing has gone backwards!

Mr J.N. CAREY: That clearly hit a little nerve. The member for Vasse yelled repeatedly. She is a little bit aware that she has been completely silent on housing and planning policies. What is very evident is that the policy of that side is dictated by a member for Cottesloe who is anti-social housing, is anti-affordable housing and wants more red tape for housing approvals.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.