

BUNBURY PORT — GRAIN TRANSPORT

119. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Will the minister give an undertaking that the upgrades of the road between Darkan and Collie will commence and be finished before the trucks start rolling through in four-minute intervals?

Mr T.R. BUSWELL replied:

I can give an undertaking that money is being spent on those roads now that has never been spent on them before.

Mr M.P. Murray: That's not the question.

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: I can also give an undertaking, member for Collie–Preston, that when I looked at the *Hansard* of between 2001 and 2008, the member for Collie–Preston did not ask one question about that piece of road. Why is it that the member for Collie–Preston can sit over there on his backside for eight years and do nothing and suddenly get in opposition and grizzle? You are a no-hoper; you did nothing!

Several members interjected.

Withdrawal of Remark

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: The Minister for Transport just used some incredibly unparliamentary language and I call on him to apologise and withdraw.

Several members interjected.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: “No-hoper” is what you said.

Several members interjected.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Are you going to apologise or not?

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Can I seek some clarification from you, Mr Speaker?

The SPEAKER: I never heard anything above the din.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: If the minister were to call a member of this house a no-hoper, as in the quotation, “You are a no-hoper”, is that not unparliamentary?

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: No ruling?

The SPEAKER: Are there any petitions?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Mr Speaker, on a further point of order, I asked you for a ruling and I am still waiting to hear your ruling.

The SPEAKER: I never heard what was said, but I think we will let it go this time.

That concludes question time.

Several members interjected.