

MINING COMPANIES LEVY — PILBARA SPORTING FUND

650. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

Given that the Premier has just dismissed the minister and the member for Pilbara's proposal to impose a 2c to 4c per tonne levy on mining companies in the Pilbara for a sporting fund, can the minister please advise —

- (1) Has the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries commenced work on this proposal?
- (2) If yes, will the minister now instruct them to cease this work and admit that this was a waste of taxpayers' dollars?

Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:

Thanks very much for the question.

- (1)–(2) It was great to go up to the Pilbara and look at the Taj Mahals that were built in the area. They were on about that when I was talking to people from the shire. They suggested that into the future they wanted more structure in how things were built and how they went forward. In response to the main part of the member's question about work being commenced on this matter, I have no knowledge of that and nothing has been done out of my office.