

TAB PRIVATISATION — PREMIER'S COMMENTS

**281. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Leader of the National Party:**

The Leader of the National Party has graced us with his presence at least. I refer to the Premier's comments regarding the racing industry's involvement in the sale of the TAB that said it would not be party to its privatisation.

- (1) Will the Leader of the National Party support the sale of the TAB if the racing industry is excluded from the privatisation process?
- (2) Will the Leader of the National Party once again exclude himself from cabinet when the sale of the TAB is discussed?

**Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:**

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Collie–Preston for the question. I will put the question back to the member: will the member support the sale of the TAB if industry supports it?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the National Party, this is not “I’ll ask one question” and then “I’ll ask another question back”. Through the Chair, please.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** I think it is a good point to note. If industry supports the sale of the TAB, will the Labor Party support it? I have heard its commentary has become awful, awful wobbly on this issue. Labor Party members are sitting over there thinking, “Crikey, we would like to oppose this, but it’s going to be awful hard if industry supports the position.” Hon Col Holt has been doing a fantastic job engaging with industry and setting up a pathway for the choices of industry.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, calm down.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** Thank you, Mr Speaker. Hon Col Holt has done a fantastic job with that, following on from the member for Wagin —

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.T. REDMAN:** I have absolute confidence in the minister's progression of the issue. The real question for the Labor Party is: what is it going to do if industry supports the sale of the TAB? The Labor Party is getting awful wobbly.