

TAB — PRIVATISATION

600. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Premier:

I ask a supplementary question. Having heard that answer, is the Premier prepared to now listen to the industry concerns about privatisation as well as his Liberal and National colleagues' advice not to sell, or is he prepared to risk adding the privatisation of the WA TAB to his list of mistakes when he leaves office?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

I am not leaving office for a long, long time.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: The minister responsible talks to the industry. I have not spoken directly to people in the industry but I will. If this government decides to privatise the TAB, it will be only after a full and extensive period of consultation with the industry.