

METRONET — ADVERTISING

907. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Apparently the minister does not know how much money has been expended on advertising. Does this explain why all her projects —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members!

Mr R.S. LOVE: Does this lack of detail explain why all the minister's projects continually blow out in time and cost?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

Do members know why the previous government's public transport projects did not blow out? It did not build any! If you do not do anything, it is really easy to manage cost pressures! I do not know what bubble the Leader of the Opposition is living in; some sort of bubble of negativity. We have three leaders of the opposition: The Lord Mayor of Perth, the Leader of the Liberal Party and the Leader of the Opposition. There are three leaders of the opposition at the moment. I know the opposition loves privatisation and contracting out, but I never thought it would contract out the position of Leader of the Opposition to another group down the road! It has taken privatisation and contracting out to the next level by contracting out the role of opposition leader to a council! Its obsession with privatisation and contracting out has no end; as we have seen, it has actually contracted out the role of Leader of the Opposition.

In case members opposite did not realise, there have been some significant challenges with building things across the nation. I am very proud of the work that is happening out there; I am very proud of the workers who are out there, in the heat and at night, delivering projects that will transform this state, including the Bunbury Outer Ring Road, the Albany ring-road or the Fitzroy River Bridge, which the opposition claimed we would not deliver on time. Members opposite should go out and apologise for all the scaremongering they did to all the freight operators and tourism operators in the entire north. That project cost a bit, but do members know what? We delivered it. We are delivering a massive program of building.

The member can go out there and oppose Metronet; go ahead. He can go and tell the people of Byford that they do not deserve a rail line. He can go and tell the people of Yanchep that they do not deserve a rail line. He can tell the people of Ellenbrook—the people he lied to, again and again—that they do not deserve a rail line.