

PERTH CONVENTION AND EXHIBITION CENTRE, KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

994. Mr HYDE to the Minister for State Development:

I refer to the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre that is currently under construction in my electorate and, in particular, to the estimated number of international and interstate visitors who are likely to be attracted to Western Australia by the new centre.

- (1) Has the Government set any criteria to measure the success of the centre?
- (2) If so, what are those criteria?
- (3) To what extent, if at all, will the centre be required to attract new conferences and conventions to the State?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, once again it was impossible to give the minister the call because of the interjections. For the life of me, I do not know what they were about because the minister had not uttered a word.

Mr BROWN replied:

It is nice to be welcomed back. I thank the member for Perth for the question.

- (1)-(3) The Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is being constructed under what is known as the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre project agreement. As the member for Hillarys called out by way of interjection, that agreement was established by the coalition Government. That agreement establishes a key performance indicator committee under the third schedule of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre lease - at schedule 3.1. The KPI committee will consist of five members; that is, two persons appointed by the lessor, two persons appointed by the lessee, and one person agreed upon by the lessor and the lessee to act as an independent expert chair. The key performance indicators for the centre have not been established. Indeed, under the project agreement, they will not be established until the third year of operation of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre. The first two years will be used to establish the KPIs, based on performance during those years.

The schedule also sets out the functions of the KPI committee and the matters that it will take into account in setting the KPIs for the convention centre. They relate to taking into account the economic impact on the State, the performance of the lessee, and various other matters set out in the agreement. Some questions were asked by the Australian Hotels Association.

Point of Order

Mr JOHNSON: It seems to me that the minister is reading from an official document. If that is the case, I ask that it be tabled.

Dr Gallop: He must use his notes, surely.

Mr JOHNSON: They are not notes. It is an official document. Do not try to get out of this one, Premier.

The SPEAKER: It is clear from the standing orders that notes prepared for question time by ministerial staff are not official notes. However, if the minister is referring to an official document, he is compelled to table that document.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr BROWN: These notes were prepared by my staff. They are not the document as such.

Mr Barnett: Do they include the schedule? What is the back page?

Mr BROWN: They are notes that were prepared for me.

The SPEAKER: The ruling is, and it has long been the case, that the Chair does not inquire into the advice given by ministers.

Mr BROWN: The Australian Hotels Association has inquired on a couple of occasions about whether the obligation of the management of the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre is such that the centre would be required to attract only new conferences and whether the centre would be measured only against new conferences. That was never a condition precedent in the project agreement established by our predecessors. As it is not a condition precedent it cannot be imposed and, as such, the centre will be established and measured against the conferences and exhibitions that it attracts, whether those are currently carried out in Western Australia as a result of having attracted international or interstate delegates or are new conferences and

conventions. The reason for that is explicit. It is because of the condition precedent set out in the project agreement.

I am very pleased that the member for Perth has raised this matter now. Although it is unlikely to occupy the attention of the Parliament for some years to come, it will no doubt occupy the attention of the Parliament at some time to come and it is important that this matter be recorded so that everyone understands the background to it.