

DOMESTIC GAS — INDUSTRIAL ACTION

509. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Why is the Premier wilfully ignoring the severity of this preventable industrial action for both our domestic consumption and global markets at a time of global gas shortages?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Before he asks the question, I might ask the member why he is wilfully ignoring the facts of the matter. I have just answered all the member's questions about this, and said that there is no threat to our gas supplies. I have been in touch with the companies involved and they are continuing to work through the issues with the unions. I work with the unions all the time, member. That is the problem for your side, is it not? Over this side, we understand the benefit of working with industry—working together for the benefit of Western Australia. We understand the benefits of working with community and organised labour to make sure that we can continue to take this state forward. That is just something that the member has never got; he lives in the Dark Ages, his ideas are in the Dark Ages, and he will continue to be in the Dark Ages until he catches up.