

DEPARTMENT OF SPORT AND RECREATION — REGIONAL OFFICES

85. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

I have a supplementary question. I will take that answer as a no. The minister should be honest with regional Western Australians and tell them that he cannot guarantee their regional offices will stay open; and how many jobs will be lost?

The SPEAKER: The minister has a bit of trouble hearing but I think you asked him to confirm that the regional offices will stay open. Is that right?

Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:

It is no good having people in the region if they do not have an office. I find that ridiculous. Where will we put them? Will we put them under a tree or under an umbrella? I do not think we will do that. Those offices will stay open.