

SKY JETTY, DONNELLY VALLEY

921. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:

I refer the Premier to Labor's tourism policy that stated that Labor would undertake a \$2 million tourist attraction in the Manjimup-Nannup region.

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that this project is the sky jetty in the Donnelly Valley?
- (2) Does the State Government intend to undertake this project as promised?
- (3) Given that the Government has been able to facilitate the funding of the Lotteries Federation Walkway at Kings Park - which I understand the Premier will open to much fanfare on Sunday - why after three years has the Government failed to deliver on the Labor Party's election promise?
- (4) Is this yet another slap in the face for the people of the south west?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(4) The member would do much better addressing that question to Hon Wilson Tuckey. This Government has put into its processes the money that it promised.

Mr P.D. Omodei: Why are you doing one in Kings Park when there is \$900 000 worth of Lotterywest money? You cannot deliver on one new promise made more than three years ago?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: I will address that interjection by the member for Warren-Blackwood. That interjection shows what is wrong with our society in many ways. The member tried to say that what is being done in Kings Park is illegitimate and improper because the sky jetty -

Mr P.D. Omodei: No, I did not.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: What did the member for Warren-Blackwood say then? Why did he interject?

Mr P.D. Omodei: What I said, and what you know, is that the project was started under our Government.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: Why did the member for Warren-Blackwood interject?

Mr P.D. Omodei: It was facilitated by both Governments. You haven't been able to deliver on this project. You treat the people of the south west like dirt.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: The Labor Government is committed to two things in relation to forests: to stop logging old-growth forests, which we have achieved -

Dr J.M. Woollard: What about high-conservation forests?

Dr G.I. GALLOP: That interjection leads me to say to the member for Alfred Cove that she will be interested to hear that the Government is also committed to a proper and sustainable management plan for forests into the future. First, we have taken the advice of the Conservation Commission of Western Australia. Secondly, we are committed to making sure there are new jobs and opportunities in the south west and to helping those affected by our forest policy to find new jobs. One of those opportunities will be the sky jetty. Since we have allocated money for our side of the bargain, two things have happened.

Mr P.D. Omodei: You promised \$2 million.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: The member for Warren-Blackwood should listen. Two things have happened. First, costs for the project have gone up and, secondly, the Commonwealth Government has not produced its share of funds for the project.

Mr C.J. Barnett: You didn't refer to the Commonwealth's share in your election promise.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: This matter has been raised with us and we are currently considering whether we can properly facilitate an approach to the Commonwealth for money to help us with the project.

Mr C.J. Barnett: That is pathetic.

Dr G.I. GALLOP: It is extraordinary to note where the Opposition sits every time we come into this Parliament to support Western Australia and to try to get a fair deal from the Commonwealth. Where is the Opposition? It is under Johnnie's coat; it is in here under his coat. Opposition members do not have an independent position, they are just the lap-dogs of the Commonwealth Government.

Point of Order

Mr R.F. JOHNSON: Mr Speaker, I seek your ruling on whether, under Standing Order No 39, the member for Perth is wearing the appropriate dress in this House. I acknowledge that it is your decision on what members

wear. Many members would find it very comfortable to wear a sloppy cardigan and slippers, but I ask for your ruling, Mr Speaker, on whether it is appropriate.

The SPEAKER: It is appropriate.

Mr C.J. Barnett: I am sorry?

The SPEAKER: It is appropriate.

Mr J.H.D. Day: That is Labor's standards.

Mr C.J. Barnett: That is an interesting ruling.

The SPEAKER: Question time is now finished.