

WA COUNTRY FOOTBALL — AFL FUNDING

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

I have a supplementary question.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, please. I am sure this is a good supplementary, member for Roe.

**Mr P.J. RUNDLE:** Considering that the AFL is in the process of conducting meetings regarding future funding of the game, will the minister push WA's case in Melbourne this week; and, if not, why not, and what will the target be?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:**

There will be a ministerial meeting, with all state ministers meeting very shortly in Adelaide. I think it is next week or the week after, and I am going to it. I will be pushing the case through that area as well. It is very disappointing to say that Minister Colbeck at first refused to come to the meeting of all the ministers of our great country. It was only after political pressure from the Western Australian government that he changed his mind and is now attending. I am very, very disappointed —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! This is very interesting.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** — not only with the AFL for making that decision, but also with the federal government for not supporting WA.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Has everyone finished?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the House and Minister for Housing, I call you to order for the first time.