

AVONLINK SERVICE — DISCONTINUANCE

852. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Leader of the National Party:

It was just so embarrassing that I thought I had better stand up! Has the Leader of the National Party offered to provide royalties for regions funding as a way to continue this service?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

I am not the Minister for Regional Development and when I —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: The point the member was making was whether I issued, allocated or supported the allocation of royalties for regions funding —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the first time. I want to hear the minister so we can move on.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: As the Minister for Training and Workforce Development; Water; Forestry, I am in no position to advocate for royalties for regions funding, which, as the member well knows —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston!

Mr D.T. REDMAN: I think the member well knows that it is the Minister for Regional Development who has influence over royalties for regions funding, which then goes through the cabinet processes.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the second time. Have you finished, Leader of the National Party?

Mr D.T. REDMAN: No, Mr Speaker, although I am trying to give a response—absolutely!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order now for the first time. Can we have this answer in silence so we can move on.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: As the member well knows, the Minister for Regional Development is the minister who takes decisions around royalties for regions to cabinet, and those are subject to cabinet decisions. Quite rightly, members for all seats in this chamber advocate for the challenges in their seats. Clearly, the National Party is entitled to take up the views that it has.