

TREASURY AND TRANSPORT PORTFOLIOS

708. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Treasurer:

I have a supplementary question. Can the Treasurer not see that her continued position as chief bean counter in the state and also as the biggest offender in budget blowouts is indefensible as a control measure?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Members!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I hate to say it, but I am going to say that this is quite a sexist question. I am going there. What did the Leader of the Opposition say when Troy Buswell was the Treasurer and transport minister? What did he say when Ben Wyatt held multiple portfolios? What did the Leader of the Opposition say when the former Premier also held the state development portfolio? To come into this house and allege that I somehow cannot perform in a couple of portfolios is completely ludicrous and offensive. I like the fact that I am a role model for young women across the state in being the Treasurer and delivering infrastructure. I am proud of that role. That is the feedback that I get everywhere, as opposed to you. Look at you!

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Look at the rabble! Look at you sitting there, just being destructive and negative. You never threw that allegation at other male Treasurers. You never did that. The same allegation could have been made. What you are showing is that you are stuck in the 1960s, and that is where you belong!

Distinguished Visitor — Janine Freeman

The SPEAKER: I would just like to acknowledge the former member for Mirrabooka in the Speaker's gallery.