

PEMBERTON, GOVERNMENT COMMITMENTS

**929. Mr OMODEI to the Premier:**

I refer to the Labor Party's election policy on old-growth forests and in particular to pre-election commitments made to the Pemberton community.

- (1) Does the Government intend to honour its commitment of \$5 million to the Pemberton mill in accordance with a cabinet decision of the former coalition Government; if so, when; if not, why not?
- (2) Will the Government also honour the promise it made to provide \$700 000 for the construction of the proposed Pemberton recreation facility?

**Dr GALLOP replied:**

Had the member given me notice of the question, I would be able to give a fuller answer.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Dr GALLOP: I want to be open and accountable to the Parliament.

Mr Omodei: You crucified the people of the south west.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren-Blackwood.

Mr Omodei: You didn't have the guts to go down there. Why don't you lift your game?

The SPEAKER: Order! It is incumbent on the member for Warren-Blackwood to give the Premier at least a chance to answer the question. The member will be given some leeway when interjecting, but the current level of interjection is unacceptable.

Dr GALLOP: I reiterate the point that I am very keen to give a full and comprehensive answer to the member, who represents that area. Had he given notice of the question, I could give a fuller and more comprehensive answer.

Mr Omodei: It has been before Cabinet.

Dr GALLOP: I will give an answer.

- (1) The issue of the Pemberton mill is being progressed in government.
- (2) If the member puts the question on the proposed Pemberton recreation facility on notice, I will respond to him.