

CENTRE FOR NATIONAL RESILIENCE — BULLSBROOK

337. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. What does the Premier predict will happen to the centre after September this year when the management arrangements come to a close, potentially?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

It will go back to the commonwealth. There are different levels of government in Australia. It will become its responsibility. I am not responsible for what the commonwealth does.

Mr P.J. Rundle: Will the Premier keep searching for uses?

Mr M. McGOWAN: If it asks us to look around for people to use it, we might be able to do that. I see the letters to the editor and so forth, “Put all the homeless there”, as though we should get every homeless person in Western Australia and put them on a bus, transport them out into the middle of the bush an hour out of Perth and put them into a facility that is not designed for that purpose.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Mr M. McGOWAN: It would be a disaster. It will not work. Members opposite just need to have people with common sense who will understand that. Ask people at any of the homeless services and they will tell the member that. It will not work in that environment in that location. That is just the reality. Members opposite have to be really naive to think that that would work. Sadly, the opposition is not very worldly-wise and it does not really understand how things work. That is the reality if we tried to use it for those purposes.