

MERREDIN TRAIN STATION — ACCESSIBILITY

150. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Transport:

Given the minister announced the project to the community with very much fanfare, is it acceptable that there has been no update from government provided to the shire on this project since last September, excluding the call yesterday prompted by Hon Colin de Grussa's question in the Legislative Council?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

Much fanfare? What did I do? I am trying to remember. Did I have a royalties for regions marquee set up? Did I do that? Did I waste public money promoting stupid projects? Did I do that? No. I issued a media release and I went out there.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Honestly! You stand up and make stupid —

Mr R.S. Love interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order! Just a moment, please, minister. Leader of the Opposition, you cannot continue to interject like that. It is impossible for me to hear the minister, let alone Hansard to be able to report her, and she is speaking quite loudly.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: The member stands up and says “with very much fanfare”. Why does she say that sort of stuff? It is not factual. What did I do?

Ms M.J. Davies: When you made the announcement. If you can't remember —

Several members interjected.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Fanfare? What did I do? Did I bring a marching band? I cannot remember. I do not think I brought a marching band to that announcement. I do not think I brought a green royalties for regions marquee. I do not think I did that. I announced what we were planning to do, but because the former government sold the rail lines and we always have to negotiate with another party, sometimes it gets in the way of delivering essential infrastructure.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.