

PACKAGED LIQUOR SALES — KALGOORLIE, COOLGARDIE AND BOULDER

316. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

I ask a supplementary question. Having heard that, would the minister support a similar plan for his own electorate of Wagin, in particular the town of Narrogin?

Mr T.K. WALDRON replied:

If the police or the Department of Health have a genuine concern—I will just dispel one little issue, because I heard people here say recently that the Department of Health just lodges a complaint every time. That is not right. In fact, I will give the member some —

Mr M.P. Murray: That's not the question I asked.

Mr D.T. Redman: It needs some clarity, member.

Mr M.P. Murray: I didn't ask you, either!

The SPEAKER: Thank you, members!

Mr T.K. WALDRON: Out of a total of 239 applications in 2011, 146 were investigated by the health department, and it intervened in 35. Okay? Members opposite were all yelling at me the other day, saying it intervenes —

Mr M.P. Murray: I don't want a dorothy dixer! Answer my question!

Mr T.K. WALDRON: What I have noticed when I am here in question time—it is really interesting listening to the opposition—is that as soon as we answer a question with the facts, they all yell, because there goes their question!

Mr M.P. Murray: Answer the question!

Mr T.K. WALDRON: I am about to answer it, if the member would have a bit of patience. If there was an intervention by the police or the health department in an area within my electorate, the same process would take place, and the director would make his judgement. The director will make a judgement in the Pilbara and Kalgoorlie. I actually think the member for Kalgoorlie and the member for Eyre, who probably have some differing views in some cases, are working very sensibly towards this, and I think that will help the process.