

ALCOA — KWINANA REFINERY — CLOSURE

116. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for State and Industry Development, Jobs and Trade:

I have a supplementary question. Why did the Premier simply accept the closure and not fight for those refinery jobs, as the regional and national governments did in Spain?

Several members interjected.

Dr D.J. Honey: You sat there and accepted it!

The SPEAKER: Order, please.

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Once again, I have no idea what happened in Spain. So far today, we have had, what is it, four questions, Madam Speaker?

Dr D.J. Honey interjected.

The SPEAKER: Sorry, pause for a moment, please. Member for Cottesloe, you have asked a supplementary question. It is being answered. Please do not continue to interject.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Have you being using up your imprest?

The SPEAKER: Leader of the House, you know I always rely on you to set an example.

Mr R.H. COOK: We have had four questions from the opposition today. The first three were about the federal government; at least that is in Australia. The fourth question was about the Spanish government. I have already said to the member that I do not know what happened in Spain on that issue. I know that we worked very closely with Alcoa around assisting it to access the appropriate ore bodies, to assist it to manage issues associated with the commercial challenges it has at the Kwinana refinery and continue to work with the union on the decisions that ultimately were the decisions of Alcoa. This is what we do. We work closely with industry, which is the reason that they continue to have confidence in Western Australia and why they continue to ensure that they invest in WA.