

TIMBER INDUSTRY, VOLUMES

730. Mr BARNETT to Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Is the reason for the continued delay in announcing the timber volumes related to the Government's decision to defer the \$12 million forestry assistance package, given that timber workers cannot apply for funding assistance until they have certainty about the volume of resource allocation?

Dr GALLOP replied:

The answer is clear, and it is no.

Mr Omodei: You are a gutless bastard, that's what you are.

Suspension of Member for Warren-Blackwood

The SPEAKER: Order! I instruct the member for Warren-Blackwood to retract that statement, and I call him to order for the third time. Does he withdraw?

Mr OMODEI: Mr Speaker, this issue has been ongoing for more than 12 months. A whole lot of families and people's livelihoods are at stake. The Premier has not had the courage to come down to Warren-Blackwood and I am not going to withdraw the remark.

The SPEAKER: I call the member for Warren-Blackwood to order for the fourth time. I instruct that the member for Warren-Blackwood be suspended for the balance of today.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order! It is time that we had some order in this place. If members want question time to continue, we need a little bit more control.

Questions without Notice Resumed