

BIGGER PICTURE FUNDING — ANTI-METHAMPHETAMINE ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

285. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Minister for Regional Development:

I have a supplementary question. I again ask: does the minister agree that this money would be better spent in combating the meth epidemic hitting our regions hard or is he going to ignore that epidemic?

Mr D.T. REDMAN replied:

There is no doubt that the epidemic around drugs in Western Australia is a challenge, but I make the point that the advertising this government has done has been appropriate. It has been moderate.

Mr P.B. Watson interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I call to you to order for the third time. Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the third time. Minister, can you wind this up, please.

Mr D.T. REDMAN: Yes, I can, Mr Speaker.

Our advertising has been moderate. I think it is appropriate for people in regional Western Australia to have a platform to see where this government is spending money, including on things that support drug and alcohol reform. Members should remember that these investments are not just those mentioned on the telly ads, but support all those things members opposite have been talking about to drive change in drug use in regional Western Australia.