

# Legislative Council

Tuesday, 22 December

THE PRESIDENT (Hon Clive Griffiths) took the Chair at 3.00 pm, and read prayers.

[Questions taken.]

## ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE: SPECIAL

On motion by Hon J.M. Berinson (Leader of the House), resolved --

That the House at its rising adjourn to a date to be fixed by the President.

## ADJOURNMENT OF THE HOUSE: ORDINARY

HON J.M. BERINSON (North Central Metropolitan -- Leader of the House) [3.10 pm]: I move --

That the House do now adjourn.

### *Complimentary Remarks*

I take this opportunity, firstly, to pay my respects, and those of all members on this side of the House, to the Premier and Deputy Premier who have today announced their intention to retire. Brian Burke, as Premier, has made a remarkable and distinctive mark on the Government in this State. His colleagues will not only miss him for the outstanding qualities of leadership which he has displayed, but also for the friendship and loyalty with which those qualities were always coloured. I also express the appreciation of his colleagues to the Deputy Premier, Mal Bryce, who, for such a young man, seems to have spent a remarkable length of time in both the parliamentary and organisational wings of the Australian Labor Party. We will no doubt have more formal occasions to elaborate on these expressions of goodwill, but I would not want this occasion to pass without saying at least that much.

For the rest, I need hardly say that this has been a long session with more than the usual stresses. However, it has also been a productive session. I appreciate the cooperation of the many people who have made that possible. Our departments, the officers of Parliament, and the members of Parliament have all come under considerable pressure, but in the event we have dealt with a very large agenda including a number of significant items, and I believe that as we assemble the record of this year's sittings we will be satisfied that we have done remarkably well. Given the background, no-one, not even the staunchest critics of members of Parliament, will begrudge us the recess which we are about to commence. I wish my colleagues, and all members, an enjoyable recess, particularly with the opportunity it provides to have more contact with our families than the pressures of the session have allowed.

I know that I speak for all of us when I extend the gratitude which I feel to the officers of this Parliament, to the attendants, to all of those who provide us with our services here, to the members of Hansard who have had to perform some extraordinary duties over the last few months, and to you, Mr President, and the other Presiding Officers, for the manner in which you have ensured that the affairs of the House have been conducted. May I extend to my colleagues, and to all members of the House, the season's greetings and best wishes for a happy and healthy new year for us and for our families.

HON G.E. MASTERS (West -- Leader of the Opposition) [3.14 pm]: I wish to add some remarks on behalf of the Liberal Party, in endorsing the comments made by the Leader of the House. This is a historic day, and I pay my respects to the Premier, Hon Brian Burke, and the Deputy Premier, Hon Mal Bryce, on their resignations from Parliament. No-one would argue against the comment that Brian Burke has been an outstanding leader of the Labor Party, has welded it into a very effective team, and has given his all to the party and to the premiership. We also recognise the great contribution Mai Bryce has made in carrying out a role supportive of the Premier. More particularly, on behalf of my party I extend very best wishes to their wives and families. Sue Burke has been greatly respected by members on all

sides of Parliament for the way she has conducted herself and supported her husband. I do not know Liz Bryce as well, but I am sure she has made a similar contribution. We wish Brian Burke, Mal Bryce, Susan, Elizabeth, and their families well for the future.

I offer my personal best wishes and, I am sure, those of the Liberal Party, to all members of this Legislative Council and their husbands and wives. I hope they have a happy Christmas, a wonderful new year, and a well-earned rest. To my own members I offer my sincere thanks for the tremendous effort they have put in, and the hard work they have done over recent weeks. I am sure everyone would agree it has been a very stressful time as far as we are concerned.

To my long-suffering Whip, Hon Margaret McAleer, who has a very difficult job, my sincere thanks. I also mention the Whip on the Government side, Hon Fred McKenzie, and Hon Eric Charlton, the Whip for the National Party. We are fortunate to have three Whips who have worked so effectively together. I do not think there has been any really bad feeling. That is very much appreciated on all sides. I thank Hon Fred McKenzie for all the work he has done; I have not always agreed with him, but he has done a great job.

To you, Mr President, we offer our sincere thanks for the way you have conducted yourself and carried out the office of President of the Legislative Council. As members will have noted, I have not agreed on all occasions with the decisions you have made, but I greatly respect you, the position you hold, and the stance that you have taken. I repeat, even though there have been disagreements at times, you have the absolute respect of the Legislative Council and all its members.

To the Chairman of Committees and the Deputy Chairmen of Committees, our thanks. There have been a large number of Bills which have been very complex and complicated. It is a very difficult job for the Chairman of Committees and Deputy Chairmen at this time of year to sit long hours, and long days, dealing with legislation. We thank them.

I particularly mention the staff, the people who serve us so well. To Laurie Marquet, the Clerk of the Council, our thanks for an excellent year. I do not think any member of Parliament on either side of the House is not able to approach him and gain excellent advice which has been much appreciated. We thank him for being available, and for the work he has done. To Michele Cornwell, we extend our thanks for the work she has done, particularly for her active involvement in committees, and Select Committees, which has taken her from our shores. I understand the members on the committee with which she has been involved very much appreciate the work she has done, as we do in this House. Ian Allnutt has been here a long time. Members have always been able to approach him for his advice and help. We appreciate all the work he has done continually over the years and, particularly, this year. To our attendants, Richard Harloe and Malcolm Peacock, again our sincere thanks. There is a great deal of pressure at this time of year, as I have already mentioned, and perhaps they bore the brunt of much of it, without it being noticed, at times. They are always cheerful and helpful, and we thank them. To the attendants Philip, Owen, and Chris, our sincere thanks for a job well done. We hope they have a good rest over Christmas and come back in March or April refreshed, because it will be a busy year and we will make as much work for them as we can. They should be prepared for it, and accept our thanks too.

To Neil Burrell, the Chief Hansard Reporter; Ros Membrey from the Parliamentary Library; Vince Pacecca, the House Controller; Ken Foster, the Finance and Personnel Officer; and Bob Willis, the Chief Steward, we extend from my party and, I am sure, from everybody else, sincere thanks for a job well done. We appreciate all that these people do for the members and their guests.

The last few days of this session will be remembered by all of us for one reason or another. It has been the longest session that I can remember. It has had an eventful finish, as a result of the day's statements. I extend to all members best wishes for Christmas and a wonderful and happy new year.

**HON H.W. GAYFER (Central) [3.20 pm]:** I join with other party leaders on this moving occasion. I think we should all feel very proud to be members of Parliament at this historic time. The retirement of the Premier on 25 February will mark the end of an interesting era, which history will prove to be one of the greatest terms of office of one of the greatest

Premiers. I certainly have not agreed with the Premier all the time, but that does not matter. One has to acknowledge that the Premier virtually rose from nowhere; he had a meteoric rise from the back to the ruck. He was just a no-no walking around the corridors of this place when I first noticed him and I hardly thought he would do anything here, let alone become the Premier of this State and the Leader of the Australian Labor Party. I did not think he was very noticeable; indeed, I first noticed him when he became the first man I had ever seen in this place walking around Parliament without his coat on. He chipped away at the institutions of this place, he was frank and outspoken about many matters, and I did not think such characteristics would bring many friends within even the ALP to secure enough votes to get him to the position he eventually held. Perhaps the ALP has a different election process from the National Party. The National Party does not have much trouble at all because it is a case of there being, "Only you, you and you". Nevertheless, one must acknowledge that the man brought a different slant of politics in respect of the Labor Party from that which all of us had known and experienced over the years. The National Party members have always said, "Give us the good old Labor man right down the centre, and he will be no trouble." I am not too sure which area our Premier came from, but certainly he brought a different slant of politics into Western Australia.

I only hope the Premier will bring some influence to bear on the situation in Ireland. Members may laugh, but I do not believe that he is going there lightly just to sit at the head of a table without trying to bring some influence to bear on somebody. I honestly believe that. If he does not do any good there, we all know what he will do -- give it away and go and do something else. It would be marvellous to be 41 and to have all those things behind one; the Premier has got to the top of the tree and where else is there for him to go? He may as well try something else in order to get to the pinnacle there. Members may laugh but they can look back on this to see what sort of a decision the Premier made. My sympathies are with the Premier; he had to make this decision because he is ambitious to do other things, which he will do. I wish his wife, Sue, and his family good luck. Members all know the effect that Sue has had on Mr Burke and indeed on the Parliament, the Government and the people of Western Australia.

I first ran across the Deputy Premier, Mal Bryce, in Merredin when he was a 22-year-old school teacher. I did not actually follow his line of thinking but after his first election we watched him at work. He is a great organiser; there is no doubt about that. When he came to this place he too was rather outspoken; he stood on the sidelines with his great friend of the time, Hon A.R. Tonkin. They were known as the heavenly twins but their paths eventually led them in different directions; however, for a long time they were a great influence on each other. That in turn had an influence upon this place. I think Mal Bryce's great achievement is that under his guidance some electoral reform has taken place. I believe that he and Hon A.R. Tonkin worked towards that end. Hon A.R. Tonkin resigned before he had a chance to see the result of his efforts, but Mal Bryce managed to bring some change in, and I will not comment on whether that change is good or bad. I wish Mal and his wife, Elizabeth, all the best. Mal has certainly been a hard fighter and one must acknowledge and admire anyone who has fought as hard, as well and as clean as Mal Bryce.

I wish to offer my sincere thanks on behalf of the National Party to the executive staff of Parliament. I also wish them happiness for the New Year and in their lives; they too have reached the pinnacle of success, at least in this place. I hope that their lives will hold more opportunity for them, as for others. I offer my thanks and best wishes to the attendants and to the messengers, and to my friend behind me, who barracks for the right football club, as Hon A.A. Lewis might know. I offer my sincere thanks to the Hansard and library staffs and, indeed, to everybody associated with members of Parliament.

I would like to say a few words about my secretary, Meg Rodway, who will leave my employ in a few months' time to get married. I would like to thank her very much for 16 years of service; my electorate office has always been in this place. Meg is a wonderful girl, and I do not think any member of Parliament would say otherwise. She has certainly been a great person to have around the building and she has been of great assistance to every member of Parliament -- from any party and from any walk of life -- who ever asked a favour of her. She willingly carried out anything that any member wanted of her. The younger members of the National Party owe her a great deal because of the way in which she has guided them in setting up their own offices and generally explained how the Parliament runs

and indeed how members of Parliament work. I will never be able to replace Meg. However, it is just the way of life and I wish her well. Indeed, I know I speak for all members of Parliament who hold her in high esteem.

My own party is small in number; there are only four of us -- the Deputy and Whip, Hon E.J. Charlton, who has been terrific over the last three days when I could not be present; Hon Tom McNeil who sits behind me, and who is not here at present -- I know exactly where Tom is going right at the last moment -- and Hon John Caldwell, who is certainly a Rock of Gibraltar in respect of the administration of this place. I would also place on the record my appreciation of the work done by the committees of this place. The National Party has very few members with whom to share the workload and I know I speak for them when I say that they deeply respect their colleagues involved with committees. Committee work is a great leveller of party politics. Indeed, if one starts to allow party politics into committee work, the committee system will never succeed. I think that is a lesson that each of the National Party members have learnt. The members of the National Party are new members in the main and they have found that the committee system places everyone on a common level and gives them a common denominator so that it is possible to enable the committee system to work and to achieve for this place, this State and the people rather than simply arguing the basic philosophies of party politics. I thank all the National Party members and all the members of the committees, including my bearded friend, Hon Robert Hetherington, with whom I have worked for many years and who shares the philosophy that committees have to be non-political; they may endeavour to become political but one has steer away from politics in committees, as indeed one should in this place if one wants to achieve anything great in politics in Western Australia or indeed Australia.

Finally, Mr President, I wish you and Myrtle all the best for the coming year and in years to come. We have been around this place for a long time, Sir, and have seen many things happen; some we liked, and some we did not like. Nevertheless, the place is still here and the ideals, at least, are still here with you, me, and others.

I close on the note that I am reminded of the great words that Mr Hawke spoke to me in the corridor when I walked in here.

Hon A.A. Lewis: The real Mr Hawke? You are talking about Bert?

Hon H.W. GAYFER: Yes, I am talking about Bert Hawke, a former Premier. When I walked along the corridor with Bill Young, member for Roe -- who still had the scratches from the election and blood pouring from him -- at the side was Hon Bert Hawke, Mr Wise, Mr Graham, and Mr Tonkin. They said, "Good morning, who is your friend?" My friend, of course, still sore and smarting, looked the other way and Bert Hawke said, "Don't worry, Mick, we even tame lions in this place." That will happen to all new members, I can assure them.

HON FRED MCKENZIE (North East Metropolitan) [3.32 pm]: I rise reluctantly because it has been a long, hard session and I realise that if backbench members rise to speak after their leaders have spoken that leads to a very long day. However, as Government Whip, because this has been a long, hard session, and because Hon G.E. Masters paid tribute to the three Whips -- the Opposition Whip, Hon Margaret McAleer, the National Party Whip, Hon Eric Charlton, and me -- I thought that I should rise and say a few words in respect of the running of this Chamber. It is difficult to run this Chamber properly under the conditions with which we were faced with the Government on the one hand anxious to complete its legislative programme and the Opposition on the other hand wishing to study the legislation before it so as to give it the justice it was entitled to during the debate. That would not have been possible in a harmonious way had it not been for the cooperation I received from both the Opposition Whip and the National Party Whip.

In addition, I include the officers of the Parliament, making particular reference to you, Mr President, and to the Chairman of Committees. It was a difficult time, but we did not sit for long hours. However, the Chief Hansard Reporter remarked to me that he could not recall the Parliament ever previously sitting on a Monday, and he has been here for 21 years. It would be interesting to look in the record books to see when the Parliament last sat on a Monday, because that would give members and the public an indication of the sacrifice made. I believe it was a sacrifice that members had to make. However, we got there without any great disharmony; there was no ill-feeling and I thank the Opposition and the National

Party for the cooperation that we received in the running of the Chamber -- if it had not been for that cooperation we would have been in deep trouble. As it was, although we sat for a long period we did not have any all-night sittings and I am grateful for that. All I can say is thank you very much to everybody.

**HON D.J. WORDSWORTH (South) [3.35 pm]:** I also record my congratulations to the Premier and the Deputy Premier for the part that they have played -- I think a very major part for this State. No doubt history will recall the changes that they brought during their five years of leadership in Western Australia.

As Chairman of Committees, I thank members who have participated in the committees I have chaired for the manner in which they have accepted my chairmanship and rulings. I always find committees to be a lot less formal and more down to earth than Parliamentary sittings, and I have certainly enjoyed being in the Chair. I thank my deputies, who worked hard: Hon John Williams, who has also kept an eagle eye on the Chair and by his vigilance always ensured a smooth changeover from Chairman to President; Hon Bob Hetherington; Hon Mark Nevill; and Hon Garry Kelly; who as Deputy Chairmen have all worked hard, and I thank them very much indeed.

I am sure that we could not have proceeded without the advice and support that we received from the Table, from Laurie Marquet, who has ever been willing to draw up amendments at the drop of the hat whereas previously we had to go out and look for Parliamentary Counsel to do them. I think that we are very lucky there. Of course, the Deputy Clerk, Michele Cornwell, has played an important part and added a new dimension to the desk. We are very lucky indeed in this Parliament to be served by two officers with their qualifications, ability, and dedication -- not another Parliament in Australia has two officers like them, so we are very lucky indeed. I think that we will see a change in Select Committees, certainly in the Agricultural Education Select Committee, and the Deputy Clerk has now taken on the salinity committee as well, so I think that she will leave her mark in agriculture. Of course, the Clerk has computerised the whole of the record keeping in this House from Notice Paper to Minutes and has modernised the whole set-up without causing too much inconvenience; in fact, it has been a great success. One can think back to the time that we used to take with things going to the Government Printer and back again. I only hope that the next thing he takes on is the updating of the Acts because Attorneys General have in the past not been able to keep up with putting amendments into them; if only when we had Bills before this House we had updated Acts with them, that would be very pleasant.

Mr President, I thank you for your help to me, as Chairman of Committees. I thank the leaders of the various parties, the Whips, and other officers, both in this House and outside, in the library and in the dining room. I wish everyone a happy Christmas, and a prosperous new year, and look forward to enjoying the same friendships in the coming year that we have enjoyed this past year.

**HON ROBERT HETHERINGTON (South East Metropolitan) [3.38 pm]:** I hope that I might be forgiven for making a few brief remarks about the retirements of the Premier and Deputy Premier. I have worked with and have known Mal Bryce for very many years. I knew him before I came into Parliament when we served together on the education policy committee of the State Executive of the Labor Party, and when I worked closely with him when we were both Deputy Leaders of the Opposition in our respective Houses from 1977 to 1980. I worked closely with him when as member for East Metropolitan his electorate of Ascot was within that province. I have always found him one of the easiest people I know to work with. Members of the House may be aware that there are sometimes tensions between members of the upper and lower House in electorates and provinces, but Mal Bryce is one of the rare people with whom there was no such tension; he never went to a function to which he did not invite his upper House members, and he never did anything about which he did not inform us and consult with us in every way possible if the matter was of interest to us.

He was one of the unselfish members who shared his knowledge and his abilities with his less experienced colleagues. It is a side of him which people do not always realise, and it was illustrated when he finally gave up his ambition to be Premier, which was a very real ambition, and agreed to serve as deputy under Brian Burke, thus making it possible for the Burke-Bryce team to go into Government. I therefore place on record the great pleasure I have had in having Mal Bryce as a colleague and the great help he has been to me, and point out his unselfish service to the party and this State.

I remember way back when the Premier was first elected as member for Balcatta I was a member of the Politics Department of the University of Western Australia and a political commentator on Channel 9. I made certain remarks after that by-election which got me into a great deal of trouble in my party and made me extremely well known. It also started a chain of events which put me in this place, for good or ill. After I came here I was interested to follow the fortunes of the member for Balcatta, as the electorate then was, Hon Brian Burke, because it became clear to me early in the piece that sooner or later he would be leader of the Labor Party and would then lead us to victory. That is what happened. It was inevitable, but it took a long time. In many ways he has changed the attitude and approach of the Labor Party and changed politics in this State. He will make a very fascinating political biography for some political scientist one day, and I hope the person who writes it has the perception and understanding to realise what an important and creative Premier Brian Burke has been. To do this by the time he was 41 is quite amazing because most of us by that time are not nearly as far along the road. Both of them will be missed in their various ways, and it is true to say that this is the end of an era and the beginning of a new one. It will make a fascinating study for some fortunate writer or PhD student one of these days.

HON A.A. LEWIS (Lower Central) [3.43 pm]: As the only person in either House who was elected within a 12-month period of Brian Burke and Mal Bryce I feel I should make a comment. We were all part of those by-elections which went on within the Tonkin Government's term of office. The by-elections which will take place under this Government will lead to the same result -- a change of Government.

Hon T.G. Butler interjected.

Hon A.A. LEWIS: I said that because the number of by-elections will lead to a change of Government.

Hon D.K. Dans: You are not leaving, are you?

Hon A.A. LEWIS: No, I am going to stay and savour the pleasure of going back into Government for another term. I do not want to talk about rats leaving a sinking ship, but if Mr Butler wants to interrupt when I want to talk about two people I know pretty well he can go ahead. Mr Butler can make his decisions and I will make my speech. It is Christmas, but the Government has kept us here so close to Christmas that it does not matter and I do not mind keeping us longer.

Both Brian Burke and Mal Bryce have been particular mates to me. We have not agreed in our politics over the years. I used to call Brian the "big brown bear" because I thought he was equal to my weight, but of course Hon Phil Lockyer and Hon Des Dans got all the credit for weight in the weekend Press, but not me because I had lost some.

Hon Graham Edwards: If you are cuddly now, what were you before?

Hon A.A. LEWIS: Extra cuddly. Brian Burke was a man of big frame who had the discipline to look after his weight. Even on a Pritikin diet he has not yet lost as much weight as I did, so I always tease him about that. He is a man who, whether we were in Government or in Opposition, I could always talk to and trust. Only once was my confidence betrayed, and that because of an adviser. Over a period of 14 or 15 years that is pretty good. As far as Mal Bryce is concerned, I grinned at him when I first came here and said, "Hello Mal", and he said "G'day Sandy", and we just got on with the business.

THE PRESIDENT: Order! Before the honourable member proceeds I point out to the House that 40 minutes are allocated to this debate, of which three minutes are left.

Hon A.A. LEWIS: I know you want to make some remarks, Mr President, and we cannot suspend Standing Orders for you. I conclude by saying that Brian Burke and Mal Bryce are two gentlemen I have appreciated in my political career. They have both gone places and I have not, and I admire them for that. I also admire them for being people who have always been trustworthy and approachable, and I thank them for that.

THE PRESIDENT (Hon Clive Griffiths): Before I put the question, I take the opportunity to endorse the comments made by the various speakers in extending best wishes to all the staff in this Chamber and the staff of the various other departments of the Parliament. As has already been indicated, they continue to serve the members of Parliament in their various capacities, and that service is appreciated by all members.

I thank the Leader of the House, the Leader of the Opposition, and the leader of the National Party and other speakers who have extended to me and my wife personal best wishes for the festive season. I certainly reciprocate those good wishes to you and your loved ones.

The fact that the Premier, Brian Burke, and Deputy Premier, Malcolm Bryce, have both announced their retirement today brings to an end an era in the political life of this State that will be remembered for a long time. I did not have a lot to do with Malcolm Bryce; he was always involved in an area where I did not need to have much contact with him. However, on the occasions that I did he always treated me with the utmost respect and was able to look after the problems that I took to him.

I think it is incredible that a person of 41 years like the Premier has achieved all that he has done. It was one of the great pleasures of my life to have known his father personally and I think that gives me a better understanding of the fact that he has made these achievements because his father was a great man. I was one of the people who thought at that time, and still believe, that his father was destined to be Prime Minister of this country but for some political turmoil. However, he was a great man and a great politician, and Brian obviously has followed in his footsteps. Brian Burke has always been very kind to me, and I wish him and his wife and family all the best in their future career. I am not sure I would choose to leave the job of Premier of Western Australia to go to Ireland, but I guess it is a case of whatever turns people on, and I wish him well.

To my own staff, Janet, Barbara, and Rosslyn, I give my thanks for their continued help and assistance and extend to them and their families my best wishes. I say to members that we have had our ups and downs this year, and I yelled a couple of times and tried to bring them back into order. However, I am always able to tell people when I speak or go to presiding officer conferences that I preside over a House of the nicest members of Parliament, and although they breach Standing Orders occasionally they immediately come back to order when I ask them to do so. To you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 1988.

Question put and passed.

*House adjourned at 3.51 pm*

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**COMMUNICATIONS: TELEVISION TOWER**  
*Channel 10*

561. Hon NEIL OLIVER, to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Communications:

Has any consideration been given to an alternative site for the proposed 200-metre transmitting tower between Pomeroy and Welshpool Roads, Lesmurdie?

Hon J.M. BERINSON replied:

Identification of potential transmitter locations was a matter for West Coast Telecasters Pty Ltd, licensee of Perth's third commercial television service, NEW-10. West Coast Telecasters nominated a transmitter location which satisfied a number of interlocking engineering, planning, and environmental requirements. These included obtaining planning and environmental approvals from appropriate authorities. Under the provisions of the Broadcasting Act, Hon P. Duncan, Commonwealth Minister for Land Transport and Infrastructure Support, has issued a determination approving the site.

**EASTERN CORRIDOR ROAD STUDY**  
*Publication*

562. Hon NEIL OLIVER, to the Minister for Sport and Recreation representing the Minister for Transport:

When is it anticipated the eastern corridor roads study will be published?

Hon GRAHAM EDWARDS replied:

The eastern corridor major roads study is being supervised by the State Planning Commission, and I understand that the final report will be available to the commission early in January 1988. Publication of the report will be a matter for the State Planning Commission in conjunction with my colleague, the Minister for Planning.

**MAIN ROADS DEPARTMENT**  
*Employees: Transfer*

563. Hon A.A. LEWIS, to the Minister for Sport and Recreation representing the Minister for Transport:

- (1) Are any Main Roads Department personnel to be moved from Narrogin?
- (2) If so, how many?

Hon GRAHAM EDWARDS replied:

- (1) there are no current plans to move Main Roads Department personnel from Narrogin. However, as applies with all personnel, some may from time to time be required to work temporarily in locations away from the Narrogin division, to maintain continuity of employment.
- (2) Not applicable.

**LOTTO MACHINE PERMITS**  
*Criteria*

564. Hon G.E. MASTERS, to the Minister for Sport and Recreation representing the Minister for Racing and Gaming:

What are the criteria used by the Minister's department when making a decision on an application for a Lotto machine permit in a shop?

Hon GRAHAM EDWARDS replied:

Where it is clear to the Lotteries Commission that an agency will easily achieve a turnover of \$3 000 per week without significantly impacting



upon an existing agency, the application is approved. Agencies approved in this way are kept under review to ensure that the commission's expectation of their turnover is achieved. Where in the judgment of the commission there is no likelihood of an agent achieving a turnover of \$3 000 per week without significantly impacting upon existing agents, the application is refused. Applicants are free to reapply to the commission if they believe that circumstances have changed in any way, or if they wish to have the matter reconsidered. Where in the view of the commission an applicant may have the potential to achieve the \$3 000 per week turnover without significantly impacting upon existing agents, an offer is made to the applicant for a trial period of three months. During this three-month trial period the agent has the opportunity to prove that the business is capable of producing a minimum sales figure of \$3 000 per week for Lotto. The commission reserves the right to extend the trial period or withdraw the machine at its discretion.

### QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

#### LEADER OF THE HOUSE

##### *Legislative Assembly Seat*

519. Hon G.E. MASTERS, to the Leader of the House:

Now that all the speculation is over with regard to the Premier's resignation, I ask Hon Joe Berinson to advise this House whether he is now considering contesting a lower House seat, or is he intending to continue as leader of the Government in the Legislative Council for a final 14 months?

Hon J.M. BERINSON replied:

I think I have worn out the answer that goes along the lines, "I do not want to add to speculation on the score." Let me say, as I think was said of me in one of the many Press reports, that I am content in my present position.

#### QUESTION ON NOTICE

##### *Answer*

520. Hon A.A. LEWIS, to the Minister for Community Services:

I refer to a question which I have on the Notice Paper and I ask the Minister whether she has an answer to it?

Hon KAY HALLAHAN replied:

I am afraid I do not have the answer. I will advise the member of the answer in writing.

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