

MP booted after Burswood racetrack questions get fast and furious

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Nationals MP Lachlan Hunter has been booted and suspended from the Legislative Assembly during a fractious Question Time.

Liberal leader Basil Zempilas was also called to order, three times, during fiery exchanges on Wednesday over the WA Government's spending on the contentious Burswood motor racetrack. Speaker Stephen Price told Mr

Hunter he was a serial offender in the chamber.

"I'm actually quite disappointed that I have to do this because you just refuse to take into consideration the latitude that has been given you about interjecting continuously," he said. "You have been called to order in excess of 30 times already this year."

It's the second time Mr Hunter, pictured, has been suspended since he was elected in March



2025, but the first time in a decade an MP has formally been named and subjected to a vote of their peers.

Ex-Liberal MP Rob Johnson was the last MP removed by a vote in 2016, when he called former premier Colin Barnett a "disgraceful turd" and refused to withdraw the remark.

The motion to suspend Mr Hunter for two days was passed

on the voices, with a loud "aye" from Labor's Government benches.

"I respect the ruling of the the Speaker," he said.

"I make no apology for being a robust voice for the Opposition."

Tempers frayed after Premier Roger Cook refused to guarantee the \$217.5 million price tag of the Perth Park and Burswood racetrack would not blow out in Thursday's Budget.

"The member can wait until

tomorrow's Budget," the Premier said.

Mr Zempilas' attempt to question whether any potential acquisition of Crown land will be included in the Budget costings was also shut down.

"We have to wait until the Budget is brought down," Mr Cook said.

He labelled the Opposition "elitist" for opposing the controversial project that was promised during last year's election.