

PEEL BUSINESS PARK

798. Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE to the Minister for Lands:

Mr Speaker —

The SPEAKER: Member for Murray–Wellington, happy birthday!

Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE: Thank you very much.

I refer to the McGowan Labor government’s commitment to drive new economic investment in the Peel region by developing and delivering the Peel Business Park. Can the minister update the house about the work this government is doing to encourage more businesses to establish themselves at the Peel Business Park, as well as create more employment opportunities for those in my electorate and across the region?

Mr B.S. WYATT replied:

I thank the member for Murray–Wellington for that question. It is funny she should mention Peel—it was the Peel Thunder Football Club that knocked out the Perth Demons in the last round of the regular season, which would have been the Perth Demons’ first finals appearance since 1996. Nonetheless, I still love the Peel, member for Murray–Wellington, and in April this year she joined me with the member for Mandurah as we did the ground-breaking on the Peel Business Park. This is a very well located industrial park, as the member for Murray–Wellington would appreciate, right there on the doorstep of some fantastic agribusiness opportunities.

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: Thanks to the former government for finding the site.

Mr B.S. WYATT: I will take that interjection, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: Before you take the interjection, I will just call him to order, and then you can answer him, Treasurer.

Mr B.S. WYATT: I find, as with anything from the former government, that not much was started. I often wonder what it could spend \$40 billion on and still have so much wanting!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: I know it is a long way down for you to see me, Leader of the House, but I am standing on my feet. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr B.S. WYATT: It is amazing to spend \$40 billion and not have everything complete; nonetheless, the people of Peel and Murray–Wellington wanted that industrial park and in April this year we started work on it, as the member for Murray–Wellington may recall. Then, of course, very recently we were there announcing an industrial microgrid—the first one on an industrial complex—designed and funded by the private sector. This is something that I think is very exciting.

Mr D.C. Nalder interjected.

Mr B.S. WYATT: I just wish the member for Bateman would ask me a question—just occasionally. I feel unloved in here, Mr Speaker! I never get a question. I do not know what I have to do, member for Bateman. I wait and I wait. Unrequited is the love I have for the member for Bateman.

The first stage is 120 hectares and seven lots have already sold, with three to go. The member for Murray–Wellington is nothing but determined to ensure that jobs are created in her patch. When it is all complete, this will provide about 2 000 jobs, primarily in that agribusiness space, which is exciting for the Peel region. I know the member for Mandurah shares that excitement. I also want to thank the president of the Shire of Murray, David Bolt, who was there with us, both in April and last week, and of course Rhys Williams, the Mayor of the City of Mandurah, was also there. The Shire of Murray has been very good in the way it has spent a lot of effort encouraging investment into the Peel industrial park, offering all sorts of incentives to get investment into that industrial park in the Peel Business Park. Ultimately, the members for Murray–Wellington and Mandurah, and everyone on this side of the house, are focused on jobs and creating opportunities for Western Australians. I could not help but note, with a wry grin, the interjections from the other side about full-time jobs. I just remind the house that during the second term of the former government, it lost 36 000 full-time jobs. I find it interesting that it would even raise the term “jobs” in light of the fact that not one job was created during the entire second term of the former Liberal–National government. Peel Business Park will be wonderful for the member for Murray–Wellington’s constituents, wonderful for the member for Mandurah’s constituents, wonderful for the Peel region, and, as a result, wonderful for Western Australia!