

CORONAVIRUS — TRANSPORT PROJECTS

**615. Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE to the Minister for Transport:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's efforts to drive Western Australia's economic recovery from the impacts of COVID-19 through its \$5.5 billion recovery plan and the delivery of major transport infrastructure. Can the minister update the house on this government's investment in a new multistorey car park at Mandurah train station, and can the minister outline to the house how the investment, along with other major transport projects, is supporting local jobs and local businesses?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for Murray–Wellington for that question. It has been a busy couple of weeks since we last sat in this chamber, with a number of new announcements and commitments to infrastructure throughout Western Australia. This morning, I joined the Premier, the members for Mandurah and Murray–Wellington and the federal member for Canning at Mandurah station to turn the sod for the new Metronet multistorey car park. The sod turning at Mandurah station was significant for several reasons. First, it marks the delivery of yet another Metronet election commitment for Western Australia; secondly, it marks the creation of 120 jobs to be generated through, member for Balcatta, the Balcatta-based contractor PS Structures; and, thirdly, it will see a net increase of 700 car bays for the great Labor success story that is the Mandurah railway line.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** Yeah, that's right!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Of course, this car park —

**The SPEAKER:** Minister for Local Government, the minister is doing a very good job. She does not need an echo.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** I was very excited!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I like the echo!

**The SPEAKER:** He will be excited outside the chamber.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** This \$32 million project will increase the parking capacity at that station to 1 800 bays. We know that Mandurah and its surrounds are booming. Of course, Mandurah station services not only the good folk of Mandurah, but also the good folk of Dawesville and Murray–Wellington, for example—all around that area. The catchment is wide, and we want to make sure that people have the opportunity to catch that train and get a good car park.

The Premier was this morning not only at Mandurah train station, but also, as I understand it, at a shopping centre in Falcon having a good coffee with our candidate for Dawesville. Unlike the member for Dawesville, our candidate for Dawesville likes being seen with their leader! In relation to that, something struck me when I was searching the internet late at night, as I do—the member for Dawesville's new advertising for 2021: "Re-Elect Zak"; "Kirkup 2021". It is a bit of an American presidential sort of campaign! Members, let us spot the missing thing.

*Point of Order*

**Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP:** As much as I enjoy seeing the minister holding up my re-election material, I would say it does not really correlate to the question asked by the member for Murray–Wellington in relation to transport infrastructure.

**The SPEAKER:** We are talking about Mandurah and Dawesville, too. You are getting a new facility there, so I think I will just allow it!

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Members, there are three things missing from this: one, the Leader of the Opposition; two, the Liberal Party emblem; and three, any policies—yet again. Those are the three things missing from electorates around Western Australia: the Leader of the Opposition, the Liberal Party emblem and policies. If anyone can find any of those three things, please go back to the Leader of the Opposition's office and report their whereabouts.