

GOVERNOR'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Statement by Member for Forrestfield

MR N.W. MORTON (Forrestfield) [12.55 pm]: It was an honour to host many of the school chaplains from the Forrestfield electorate at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast on 22 August. Hosting a table at this event was the fulfilment of a commitment I made several months ago in my electorate office when I again hosted the chaplains for morning tea. The event was organised in their honour, and I found it a great way to acknowledge the contribution they make to the school lives of our children. Having been a deputy principal at a high school, I know only too well the great work that our school chaplains do. On behalf of the Forrestfield community, I felt hosting them at the Governor's Prayer Breakfast was the perfect opportunity to say thank you for all their hard work. The Governor's Prayer Breakfast is an occasion when Western Australia's leaders and the community meet for fellowship, to display unity across the denominations, and to express the needs and aspirations of our community. The guest speaker on the morning was the founder and chief executive officer of the Hope Foundation, Bronwen Healy, who has established an organisation dedicated to helping women who want to be free from addiction and prostitution. Listening to Bronwen speak of her own battles with addiction and her new dedication to the service of others, providing love, guidance and practical support, I thought her speech was rather relevant to some of the day-to-day experiences our chaplains probably face. To that end, I hope it was of benefit.

I would like to thank the chaplains who attended for the ongoing feedback they provide me regarding the issues facing our young people. It was an honour to be able to host the chaplains for a couple of hours, and I look forward to hosting them again next year. All the best for the rest of the school year.