

CENTENNIAL PARK SPORTING PRECINCT — ALBANY

**623. Mr P.B. WATSON to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I refer to the Centennial Park sporting precinct redevelopment in Albany.

- (1) Why has the \$8.75 million that was promised at the last election for this important sporting infrastructure upgrade in Albany not been delivered?
- (2) When will the government deliver this funding or is it just another broken promise that the people of Albany have to pay for?

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

- (1)–(2) The state government is very proud of the investment we have made in sport and recreation since we came to government, particularly through the community sporting and recreation facilities fund. When we came to government, we doubled the amount of funding that we invested, and as a consequence—as the member would have seen as he travelled across the state—it is an absolutely fantastic outcome for community sport and recreation, for the clubs that participate and for all the people involved.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I want to put on the record that this state government has already made an investment in Centennial Park. A contribution of \$8 million was made that went towards upgrading a range of facilities such as extending the courts at the leisure centre, floodlighting and some further master planning. The city has also been successful in receiving Regional Development Australia funding. One of the commitments made at the last state election was for further state government funding, and that funding is under consideration. I am very aware of the concerns of the city, as the mayor has raised them with me. As I said to him at a local government forum, we are not yet at the state election and there is therefore no broken promise. The state government is considering the funding going forward, and we stand by our commitment that we have made to date on investment in sport and recreation right across the state.