

ADELE SALLEO

Statement by Member for Morley

MR I.M. BRITZA (Morley) [12.50 pm]: Late last year, Adele Salleo, a teacher with 30-plus years at Hampton Park Primary School, was awarded one of 15 Australia-wide Commonwealth Bank Teaching Awards, with a prize of \$10 000 for her school. This much-deserved accolade was awarded as a result of an innovative idea Adele had eight years ago that is still in full swing today, even bigger and better. She was instrumental in establishing a technology and enterprise day, when the students design and make items to sell in individual class stalls. This day is about financial literacy in a real-life scenario and is a whole-of-school community event. Adele believes financial literacy is an important skill that is essential for every child. Having a stall means children are handling money and problem solving with money. This program creates a feeling of pride and ownership amongst the children. Sales from this annual event have now raised over \$18 000. The \$10 000 prize money will be used to develop a kitchen for the school. Also, Adele has created financial literacy kits for classes that include play money and cash registers. Adele is a compassionate, kind and caring teacher who is an excellent leader. She is forever evolving, and she displays an exceptional skills set. She has been instrumental in the development of many initiatives over her 30 years of teaching. Adele is also extremely inclusive and supportive of other staff members, and is loved by her peers, students and parents. I would like to once again congratulate Adele on her award. Her tireless effort has been recognised and appreciated by not only the children she teaches, but also the whole school and wider community.