

COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND

173. Mr M.H. TAYLOR to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

On behalf of the member for Forrestfield, I acknowledge the fabulous student leaders from Dawson Park Primary School, who are in the public gallery today.

I was pleased to note that the City of Melville was among 30 recipients announced under the Liberal–National government’s recent community sporting and recreation facilities fund grant round. Can the minister please provide an outline of how the state government is contributing to our state’s sporting infrastructure?

Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:

Before I start, may I pass on many happy returns to the Minister for Health from the Nationals, on his last day as Minister for Health.

This state government has an outstanding record for providing sport and recreation facilities right across the state. The community sporting and recreation facilities fund has been a longstanding policy supported by both sides of politics. It drives incredible investment from our community sporting groups and our local governments, partnered with state government funding, to get great outcomes to increase participation in sport across the board. The annual planning and the forward planning of the components of the fund is done in a very detailed way, working with sports consultants from the Department of Sport and Recreation, and we were very pleased to announce a range of projects not too long ago.

I joined the member for Bateman to announce that the City of Melville was successful in its application for \$1 million from the fund towards forward planning to go towards the construction of a multipurpose synthetic playing field with floodlighting, and the extension and refurbishment of an existing facility at Murdoch University. That will provide an outstanding opportunity to increase participation in suburbs in and around that area. Other successful applicants include the Shire of Laverton, in the electorate of the member for Kalgoorlie, which received \$850 000 as a forward planning grant towards redevelopment of the pool and change room facilities at the Laverton community pool, which forms part of the great hub for that community and encourages greater community participation. The Shire of Northampton, in the electorate of the member for Moore, received \$625 000 for the relocation of tennis and netball courts at the Kalbarri sport and recreation facility. We have put an emphasis, particularly in regional Western Australia, on co-locating some of these facilities to support those clubs to get a better bang for their buck. The Shire of Donnybrook–Balingup, in the electorate of the member for Warren–Blackwood, received \$167 000 for the relocation of its synthetic bowling green and the reticulation of some of its golf fairways.

These projects are some examples from the latest round of CSRFF grants. There has always been a significant demand for this program. We are confident that we have delivered a significant amount during our term in government, and we have significantly increased the funding to deliver programs right across the state. Since coming into government in 2008, we have allocated \$143 million to community sporting infrastructure through the CSRFF—21 new sporting ovals; 20 significantly upgraded sporting ovals; 40 swimming pool developments, replacements or major refurbishments; 80 new clubroom developments; 147 floodlighting developments; 86 new or upgraded bowling greens; and more than 250 new or upgraded tennis, netball or basketball courts. That means that there is an increased opportunity for people in Western Australia to participate in sport, and contribute towards an active and healthy community in Western Australia.