

**SAMANTHA KERR**

*Statement by Member for Central Wheatbelt*

**MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt)** [12.53 pm]: I rise to speak about the amazing Samantha Kerr. There are moments in sporting history that make the hair on the back of your neck stand on end, goose bumps rising because you know you are witnessing something spectacular. Anyone watching the Manchester United versus Chelsea match at Wembley Stadium on Monday would have felt that exhilaration. Not only is she an extraordinary talent—three consecutive FA Cups, three English league titles, two League Cups and a multitude of trophies and medals in the UK, America and Australia—she is also the person we want our kids and grandkids to become. ABC journalist Samantha Lewis said it best —

... the weight of Kerr's worth is not only measured in silver.

It is in the spellbound looks of the 77,000 people poured into Wembley—the biggest-ever crowd for an English women's club match—and the rising tide of their voices whenever she touches the ball.

It is in her name hot-pressed across the shoulders of a generation of young players practising volleys and back-flips in the garden.

It is in the flutter of the flag she carries into Westminster, into the Olympics, into World Cups: an entire nation captured in a name.

All of these moments layered on top of each other to create one of the greatest figures football has ever seen.

And on Monday morning, in the deafening din of a sold-out stadium, two seconds was all she needed. Two simple, glorious seconds to remind us that Sam Kerr has already changed everything, and that we are still here, holding our breath, watching her do it.

Thank you to Sam Kerr for giving us moments to celebrate as a nation—she is truly amazing and I have no doubt there is much more to come.