

INDUSTRIAL LANDS AUTHORITY — WEST MUNDIJONG

**375. Mr D.T. PUNCH to the Minister for Planning:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's commitment to creating jobs, particularly close to where workers live, and the action the government is taking to allow job-creating businesses to expand their operations. Can the minister outline to the house how the Industrial Lands Authority will drive investment and employment and how it will turn West Mundijong into Darling Range's economic gateway?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

I thank the member for the question. It is a question that focuses on job development across Western Australia. One of the commitments we made at the election—one driven by the member for Cockburn, actually—was a focus on what we do with industrial lands around WA. It is about making sure that we use government-owned land to drive jobs and opportunities and economic growth. As part of our reform of the Metropolitan Redevelopment Authority and LandCorp, we have created the Industrial Lands Authority. It will not only be part of LandCorp, but also be driven by the jobs agency because we understand that we need a continual focus on creating jobs and opportunities. Across the state we have enormous opportunities and we need to maximise them.

A sum of \$130 million will be invested across the state. As I said, it is all about making sure that we take advantage of the opportunities we are presented with. Of course, over the past year we have also been able to facilitate the West Mundijong industrial estate, which the Shire of Serpentine–Jarrahdale was keen to see us progress because it had not progressed very much in the past. As part of the overall picture, which includes the Westport Taskforce, we see this as an enormous opportunity to create jobs in that corridor. It is also part of the bigger Westport plan, which is a potential intermodal, which will drive many jobs. This is a focus of ours and the feedback that I have received already from the community is that it knows we are working to secure new jobs for Western Australia.

I was surprised by the Liberal candidate's response to this announcement, which was that this is easy and that the government should focus on the basics. We believe that providing jobs to Western Australia is a basic part of government. We believe that we should all have a focus on job development. Delivering jobs is a basic part of government and that is our number one priority.