

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT — ELECTION TO VARIOUS OFFICES

Statement by Premier

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Premier) [3.26 pm]: Consequent to the election held on 11 March 2017, I advise members that I was sworn in as Premier, together with all ministers, with effect from 17 March 2017. Also with effect from 17 March, the member for Kwinana was appointed Deputy Premier and the member for Mandurah was appointed Leader of the House, and on 15 March 2017 the member for Balcatta was elected government Whip. For the information of members, I table a list of the ministry.

[See papers 23 to 25.]

Statement by Leader of the Opposition

DR M.D. NAHAN (Riverton — Leader of the Opposition) [3.27 pm]: With indulgence, before I advise members of the opposition's office holders, on behalf of members of the Parliamentary Liberal Party, this is my first opportunity to congratulate Mr Speaker on his election to the high office of Speaker and to wish him well in that role. I would also like to congratulate the member for Rockingham on his emphatic victory on 11 March and for his appointment as Premier of this great state, and the member for Kwinana on his election as Deputy Premier, as well as all members on both sides of this house on their election victories.

I advise members that with effect from 21 March 2017 I was elected Leader of the Opposition, the member for Scarborough was elected Deputy Leader of the Opposition and the member for Churchlands was elected manager of opposition business, and that with effect from 25 March 2017, the member for Vasse was elected opposition Whip.

Statement by Leader of the National Party

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the National Party) [3.28 pm]: On behalf of the National Party I, too, offer my congratulations to the Speaker on his election. I also congratulate the Premier and his cabinet as well as the new members of this house.

I advise members that on 21 March 2017 I was elected Leader of the Parliamentary National Party and Hon Jacqui Boydell, MLC, was elected Deputy Leader of the Parliamentary National Party.