

HBF ARENA REDEVELOPMENT — JOONDALUP

**283. Mr J. NORBERGER to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

I understand that the state government is investing an extra \$4.3 million into HBF Arena in Joondalup as part of the 2016–17 state budget. How will this investment benefit the arena and the community that uses it?

**Mr B.S. Wyatt** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the second time.

**Ms M.J. DAVIES replied:**

Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the first time.

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** I thank the member for the question and for his advocacy in this space, because there have been many conversations between my office and the member.

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** Can you give an answer without saying the word “space”?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean, I call you to order for the second time. Member for Bassendean, you will have an empty space on your chair if you carry on!

**Ms M.J. DAVIES:** The Liberal–National government has delivered on another election commitment. I and the member for Joondalup were out at HBF Arena yesterday to announce a further \$4.3 million commitment to finalise the redevelopment of that very significant arena and space. It is a fantastic space up there for sport and recreation for the very fast-growing northern suburbs! That is part of a \$20 million investment, and the funds allocated in the state budget for this year bring that up to the full \$20 million we committed for this project. HBF Arena houses a multitude of community sporting and recreation facilities, including hockey, soccer, rugby, netball, basketball, swimming and tennis clubs and West Perth Football Club. It is truly a significant community facility and precinct in the northern suburbs.

The earlier works funded through the state government included upgrades to the netball courts and rugby fields. Three additional netball courts were put in as well as game day administration and medical centres, which I visited with the local member. A second rugby field was also put in. This funding will complete the works for basketball. A new four-court basketball stadium at the front of HBF Arena and new administration and play area amenities will be constructed. They were incredibly grateful when we were out there yesterday and were really looking forward to work starting.

Importantly, the West Perth Football Club, one of our West Australian Football League clubs, will have new function areas, player amenities, football development services and administration and member facilities. Anyone who has been there knows that it operates out of a shoebox, and it is also very much looking forward to these new facilities and the opportunities that will afford it as a football club and the heart of the community.

It is really important that we have been able to support the additional infrastructure required. A raft of ancillary infrastructure has been supported in addition to new parking bays at each end of the precinct. HBF Arena will continue to be a very important facility for the northern suburbs. It is a significant investment from the state government in sport and recreation. We are on track with work commencing very shortly. The building company has been appointed and it should be completed by September 2017.