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## QUEENS PARK PLAYGROUP, AND CANNING EARLY YEARS GROUP

Statement by Member for Cannington

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington) [12.53 pm]: I was pleased to host mothers and children from Queens Park playgroup this morning. Playgroups are an important part of the preparation for school, and life after, for our kids, and also provide parents with an opportunity to interact and share their experiences. I was pleased to host Meredith Blair and Alessandra and Lorenzo; Narelle Beard and Mikaylah; Louise Rudeforth and Jenson; Charmaine Davidson and Ty and Beau; and Diane Parker and Mark. Queens Park playgroup is another example of people in our community working together to make the electorate of Cannington a better place to live. The suburbs in my electorate are full of residents who work hard to make their way in the world and are keen to have a better life.

I am also pleased to note the work of the Canning Early Years Group, whose work I am pleased to sponsor. CEYG works to help parents during those key early years of life to ensure that kids get the very best start in life. I was pleased to be involved in CEYG's "Thanks Dad! PhotoVoice Competition", and I congratulate Sri Bell, Nigel Strommen and Anika Puchalski for their winning photos. The people's choice category winners were Mark Warlow and Sri Bell. The Voters Prize winner was Rueben May. The winners of the photo competition were announced on a busy Saturday morning at Westfield Carousel, and I must say how hard it was to find a car parking bay that morning because the centre was full, as usual. I would also like to congratulate Va Bola and Supun Punchinewa from CEYG.