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THE SPEAKER (Mrs M.H. Roberts) took the chair at 9.00 am, acknowledged country and read prayers.

PAPER TABLED

A paper was tabled and ordered to lie upon the table of the house.

ASCOT KILNS — RESTORATION

Statement by Minister for Heritage

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Heritage) [9.03 am]: I rise today to inform the house of a new milestone in our \$6 million Ascot kilns conservation project as part of the WA recovery plan. On Tuesday, 6 April, heritage specialist Hocking Heritage and Architecture was engaged as the lead consultant on the conservation of the kilns and surrounds. It was selected following a competitive tender process and will bring considerable heritage expertise to assist the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage in the conservation of the kilns.

This highly complex process will involve assessment of the kilns and chimney stacks, planning and design work ahead of specialised conservation works. These works are anticipated to begin in 2022. Our project to restore these kilns is about more than just preserving the heritage fabric of our state. Restoring the kilns is part of our vision for reinvigorating the precinct and showcasing Australia's largest collection of rare beehive kilns and our state's industrial history. I also note that the reinvigoration and activation of the kilns precinct is something the community is already quite keen to see. I have been informed of a new guest on the site—the so-called "Brick Man" statue—which was placed by a local artist. Although he might have to hit the bricks whilst works are undertaken, I would like to assure the community and the member for Belmont that we are looking at long-term options for the statue. Very intriguing!

Finally, at the core of what we do is our commitment to create WA jobs. These conservation works will ensure a pipeline of economic activities, including local job opportunities across the life of the project. I would like to thank the member for Belmont on her diligent work in advocating for this project; the Ascot Kilns and Parry Field Action Group, and its chairperson Sharren Holt, for its strong community advocacy for the kilns; and, of course, the Minister for Planning for her strong advocacy for this important project.

STATE LIBRARY — SOCIAL ENTERPRISE CAFE

Statement by Minister for Culture and the Arts

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Culture and the Arts) [9.05 am]: I would like to inform the house about the new social enterprise cafe at the State Library of Western Australia. Libraries are one of the last remaining public spaces where anyone can remain from opening until closing without needing any reason to be there and without having to spend any money. This is true of the State Library, which plays a positive role in the lives of many as a centre of research, learning and recreation, and for some a place of opportunity.

That is why it is fitting that the recently opened cafe in the State Library is a social enterprise. It is educating, empowering and creating employment opportunities for young people experiencing, or at risk of, homelessness, and, of course, offers great coffee. The cafe, called Ground and Co, is run by the Underground Collaborative. The collaborative was founded by Katie Liew, who after nearly a decade in the mining and resources industry as a management accountant, embarked on her social entrepreneurship journey. The new cafe demonstrates the State Library's commitment to provide a place to learn and develop for all Western Australians no matter their circumstances.

Recently, the State Library also launched a service called eConnect, which provides free one-on-one support to help the public connect with essential online government services. Clients are provided with free training on how to engage with government services online and how to do things like set up an email account and use online banking. The State Library also provides free access to computers, with more than 140 000 computer sessions booked each year helping to bridge the digital divide. Libraries are a public space where people come to research, learn, relax and be comfortable and mix with like-minded people. The new cafe will add to this community atmosphere and serve to draw people to the State Library and the Perth Cultural Centre. So, Madam Speaker, when you next visit the State Library, please grab a coffee, knowing that it is contributing to a great social enterprise initiative and helping young Western Australians. You are a great coffee lover, I know!

REGIONAL COMMUNICATION FORUMS

Statement by Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade

MR R.H. COOK (Kwinana — Minister for State Development, Jobs and Trade) [9.08 am]: It is with great pleasure that I announce the government's intention for the 2021–22 regional communication forums. The government has a proud record in achieving strong linkages between government purchasing and economic and social outcomes. This government introduced the Western Australian Jobs Act in 2017 and the associated

Western Australian industry participation strategy, which was the first time that legislation covered all agencies and all forms of procurement. Since the full implementation of WAIPS in October 2018, more than 41 000 jobs have been captured, over 2 700 apprenticeships and traineeships have commenced, and 91 per cent local sourcing has been committed. Additionally, this government, through the Western Australian Buy Local policy, has placed a strong emphasis on regional participation in government contracts. When the Premier launched the WA Buy Local policy in July 2020, a target of 3 000 jobs in the regions was set. I am pleased to announce that this target has been surpassed within 12 months.

The McGowan government is committed to economic growth in our regions and we will ensure all local businesses in country WA have the opportunity to benefit and thrive from government procurement and work. A key factor in our success has been the promotion of these initiatives across the state, including the use of the regional communication forums. First introduced in 2019, these forums provide briefings for local business and community leaders on both policy and process and specific opportunities relating to individual contracts. The forums have proven to be extremely successful, with the Department of Jobs, Tourism, Science and Innovation's exit surveys showing satisfaction levels of over 90 per cent. In 2020 the forums were successfully delivered in locations from Kununurra in the north right down to Esperance in the state's south.

For 2021–22, the forums are planned to return in a variety of regional centres. We intend to emphasise the opportunities arising from the pipeline of work announced in November 2020 and to outline the range of measures we are introducing for workforce skilling. We will again welcome input from attendees as communication is a hallmark of this government's approach to supporting growth and diversification in the regions. I intend to go along to as many of these forums as I am able to and I look forward to meeting with these regional business owners and operators, who are the lifeblood of country WA.

KARNET PRISON FARM — CAREY BINDJAREB TRAINING PROGRAM

Statement by Minister for Corrective Services

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington — Minister for Corrective Services) [9.10 am]: I would like to inform the house that 12 more prisoners have graduated from the successful Carey Bindjareb training program at Karnet Prison Farm. These 12 Aboriginal men are now on track for potential employment in the mining and civil industries after completing the Carey Bindjareb program at a simulated mine site at the Karnet Prison Farm in Serpentine. The Department of Justice program is a collaboration between traditional owners and Aboriginal contractor Carey Mining that provides meaningful industry-led training for Aboriginal men with direct links to employment when they get out of prison.

Over the 14-week course, participants gain industry-specific skills, including a certificate II in civil construction, a high risk forklift ticket and a working at heights qualification. One of the graduates went a step further and received a certificate III after completing additional work and acting as a peer mentor during the course. The participants are also supported to reconnect with their culture and learn key life skills, resilience and confidence.

Fifty-seven men have now completed the program, with two-thirds who have been released from prison gaining employment in the mining, civil and related industries. More than half of the remainder are actively seeking employment activities at Carey Mining. I thank mining services companies WesTrac, Bis Industries, Monadelphous, Alcoa and Makita for providing equipment, site access and expertise for the program. On behalf of the McGowan Labor government I congratulate the 12 men who have graduated from the Carey Bindjareb training program.

BREATHING SPACE PROGRAM

Statement by Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence

MS S.F. MCGURK (Fremantle — Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence) [9.12 am]: I rise to inform the house about important work underway to work with perpetrators of family and domestic violence. The therapeutic residential perpetrator program called Breathing Space was featured on the recently aired SBS documentary *See What You Made Me Do*. Drawing on the critically acclaimed book of the same name, journalist Jess Hill examines domestic abuse in Australia. It explores family and domestic violence in various forms, through interviews with families, survivors, reformers and domestic violence sector workers. One focus in the documentary series is on perpetrator programs that are changing lives and making a positive impact on Australia's domestic violence statistics. I am proud to say that the documentary features a program being delivered right here in Western Australia. It is one of the most established residential men's behavioural change programs in the southern hemisphere.

The state government-funded Breathing Space program is being delivered by Communicare in Calista, along with a second Breathing Space facility that the McGowan government opened in Maylands in 2019. Funded by the Department of Communities, the program works to help perpetrators be accountable for their actions and keep women and children safe in their own homes.

The program is for at-risk men who are willing to address their violent behaviours. They are provided with accommodation for up to six months and have access to case management, and individual and group counselling. They are challenged to reflect on the impacts of their behaviours on their loved ones and take responsibility for their actions.

As the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence I know how important it is for our responses to include programs that work to change behaviour and stop the cycle of abuse. There is more work to do to build the evidence base for these programs and ensure they are delivering lasting change. The McGowan government has made combatting family and domestic violence a priority, with a \$60 million commitment over the next four years to continue to support survivors, keep perpetrators accountable and continue to educate the community about respectful relationships. Family and domestic violence is preventable and we are committed to playing our role to stop it.

HOMELESSNESS — HOUSING FIRST HOMELESSNESS INITIATIVE

Statement by Minister for Community Services

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle — Minister for Community Services) [9.15 am]: I rise to inform the house about this government's continued progress in delivering on our homelessness strategy *All paths lead to a home*. A \$2.4 million contract has been awarded to St Patrick's Community Support Centre to deliver accommodation and support services to people experiencing homelessness in the Mandurah–Rockingham area. This contract is an integral component of the McGowan government's \$34.5 million Housing First Homelessness Initiative, which couples stable accommodation for rough sleepers with tailored supports to keep them in accommodation long term. Experienced community service organisations Ruah Community Services and Wungening Aboriginal Corporation will assist St Pat's to implement an evidence-based service delivery model in line with the proven Housing First approach.

To respond to the over-representation of Aboriginal people among rough sleepers in the area, Wungening will place senior Aboriginal leaders in governance roles and employ Indigenous service delivery staff to ensure all outreach work is delivered with an emphasis on culturally appropriate practices. The Mandurah–Rockingham contract complements Housing First contracts already in place in the Perth metropolitan area, Bunbury and Geraldton. The Housing First Homelessness Initiative is a tested model that is globally accepted, supporting people experiencing homelessness with appropriate wraparound supports. It builds on the 50 Lives 50 Homes project here in WA, which was led by Ruah and contributed to by nearly 30 organisations. By its third year of operation, 80 per cent of those long-term homeless people who had been housed were still in housing. That gave us the evidence we needed to make a significant investment in this approach across a range of locations.

To get to this point the government has driven significant change and reform. We consulted across the community, service providers and peak bodies and other sector leaders, hearing from over 500 people across the state to build this strategy, and we have committed to the largest new investment in homelessness ever seen in WA. I thank the Premier and my cabinet colleagues for their leadership and the community sector for its commitment, ensuring that we do everything we can as a government and as a community to support some of our most vulnerable people.

CYCLONE SEROJA — GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

Statement by Minister for Emergency Services

MR R.R. WHITBY (Baldvis — Minister for Emergency Services) [9.17 am]: I take this opportunity to inform the house of the remarkable response of emergency services personnel to assist and support Western Australian communities impacted by tropical cyclone Seroja. I would like to add that these are volunteer and career emergency responders. Tropical cyclone Seroja posed the biggest threat to midwest coastal communities in 50 years. Influenced by a rare weather phenomenon, Seroja's path hit coastal and inland communities hard, damaging homes, businesses and public infrastructure. I have travelled to the midwest with the Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner and the state recovery controller to see firsthand the scale of damage and loss and thank emergency services who travelled from across the state and nation to help. We also heard from residents about how the cyclone has impacted their lives and how they will rebuild. They have shown great strength and resilience and I thank them all for sharing their stories.

The extent of the devastation spans more than 130 000 square kilometres. In total, 1 521 structures have been damaged and, sadly, 96 buildings have been destroyed, including 48 homes. The journey to recovery for communities will take time. We appointed a state recovery controller early to coordinate the recovery efforts with affected local governments and the community. State government electricity and water relief packages are available for affected residents. State government financial assistance has also been activated including the commonwealth–state disaster recovery funding arrangements, which directly assists the affected local governments. This has been assisting local governments with clean-up on the ground and providing emergency assistance for individuals.

I thank the commonwealth for its ongoing support, and acknowledge the visits by the Prime Minister and the Governor-General. I would also like to acknowledge the Lord Mayor of Perth who recently joined me in Kalbarri.

The state is continuing to work with the commonwealth on a range of tailored packages that will support the recovery of affected regions and communities. The assistance measures were expanded on 19 May to include a community recovery support package for impacted local governments, which includes the clean-up and restoration of community, recreation and heritage infrastructure. Under the expanded program, five community recovery officers will work across the region to support the long-term recovery. The state recovery controller is working directly with the fund to determine activation of grants for the affected residents.

I am sure that everyone in this house will join me in thanking all the volunteer and career emergency services responders, including the Australian Defence Force, the Western Australia Police Force, volunteers, local governments and government agencies who have been on the ground supporting affected communities.

NORTHLINK WA — PROPERTY DAMAGE

Grievance

MR R.S. LOVE (Moore — Deputy Leader of the Opposition) [9.21 am]: My grievance today is to the Minister for Transport about the unjust treatment of two residents who live adjacent to the new northern end of the Tonkin Highway, which is part of the NorthLink extension from Ellenbrook to Muchea opened on 23 April 2020.

Pam and Ian Taylor moved to Muchea some 14 years ago in search of peace and quiet. In July 2018, the arrival of sea containers adjacent to their property signalled the start of NorthLink construction works near their two-storey home. Main Roads WA ordered a series of photos be taken prior to the start of construction, together with a visual and written condition report, with a further set of photos to be taken on completion of the project. Main Roads explained that this was to document damage and protect the Taylors. Once construction started, CPB Contractors dealt directly with residents. According to Mrs Taylor, Main Roads provided nothing in the way of a handover to the project's lead contractors.

The Taylors' home is located 150 metres from the enormous overpass that spans Muchea South Road, the railway line and Almeria Parade. Construction of that overpass was a particularly stressful period for the Taylor household, with compactors at work ahead of the installation of the large pylons. Pam Taylor says construction workers were on site from 6.00 or 7.00 am until 5.00 pm, and at times they worked through the night. She says the dust was horrendous, with the entire family having to take antihistamines for a prolonged period. The Taylors say their house was shaking and vibrating for weeks during construction of the nearby overpass. Numerous cracks developed during these construction works, including in the walls of the house, in the floor and wall tiles, within the granite benchtop in the kitchen and in the quartz render of the swimming pool wall and floor.

Once the road construction was complete, Pam Taylor contacted CPB Contractors about the damage sustained to her property. CPB ordered a post construction report be completed and demanded three quotes for repair of the damage. Obtaining the quotes proved to be impossible. I spoke to the Taylors several times while they were trying to get these quotes. Builders were not prepared to consider work that was 50 kilometres from the CBD when intrastate travel was at times restricted due to COVID lockdowns and Perth was at the beginning of a building boom. The job was simply too big for some of the local builders. The one quote the Taylors were able to obtain put the damage bill at \$421 000.

In a letter to the Taylors dated 23 April 2021, CPB outright refused the Taylors' \$421 000 claim for compensation, citing pre-existing damage recorded in the initial surveys. CPB said damage to the Taylors' home was due to external factors such as thermal expansion of brickwork, settlement of the footings, seasonal swelling of founding soils, shrinkage of cement building material, and extreme temperature and moisture changes in the area resulting in the expansion and contraction of roofing members. Cracking to floors was considered to be of only aesthetic consequence and of no structural concern. The damage to the pool's quartz render was said to be the result of acid used to stabilise the pH of the pool water. Pam Taylor insists that she has always maintained her pool water as per the instructions when the pool was first installed. The Taylors are speechless. Their property was a construction site for two years and now CPB Contractors refuses to acknowledge or address the substantial damage sustained by the heavy machinery at work just 150 metres away that caused their house to vibrate for weeks on end.

Like the Taylors, Bill Hayes moved to west Bullsbrook 32 years ago for the peace and quiet and to breed horses. Similarly, ahead of construction commencing, Main Roads explained that photo evidence of every crack in the building would protect Bill through the NorthLink construction process. He has described the stressful construction period, his French doors shaking and seeing growing cracks in his walls. His horses were particularly disturbed by the machinery.

With NorthLink construction underway, Bill Hayes was somewhat alarmed at the damage already showing. He contacted Main Roads WA, only to be told that all complaints had to be referred to the contractors, CPB Contractors. Phone calls from Bill to CPB were not returned and emails went unanswered. Staff changed frequently, to the point at which Bill estimates he was referred to 15 different staff at CPB. Bill became more and more frustrated at his inability to communicate with CPB and felt he was purposefully being given the run-around. When Bill did manage to speak to someone at CPB, he was ordered to provide three quotes within seven days. Again, this proved extremely difficult. Bill was determined to get some of the damage covered and hurriedly provided a quote, which he now acknowledges was for only a portion of the total damage sustained. He had not considered damage to the pool and other outdoor areas. CPB have offered him compensation of just \$6 000 to cover work quoted at \$10 500.

Aside from damage to his home, Bill says the Bullsbrook creek, which flows into Ellen Brook and had reliably provided water for his horses, was filled in by contractors and stopped flowing. He reported the matter to the Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

CPB Contractors is the Australasian construction company of CIMIC Group, the parent company of Australia's largest project development and contracting group. Formerly Leighton Construction, Spanish-owned Hochtief is now the majority shareholder. CPB Contractors' catchline is, "A trusted partner in construction". The website goes on to say —

Working closely with clients and partners

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Our work is guided by our principles of:

- Integrity.
- Accountability.
- Innovation.
- Delivery.

I am greatly concerned that Bill Hayes and Pam and Ian Taylor are living in homes that have sustained extensive damage as a result of the construction of NorthLink. They are decent WA people who have been given the run-around by a multinational firm that answers to its international shareholders. I call on the minister to ensure that Bill Hayes and the Taylors are treated with decency and offered the compensation that they deserve.

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Minister for Transport) [9.27 am]: I thank the member for Moore for the grievance and for contacting my office yesterday and providing me with a copy of the grievance this morning so I can provide some detail on the specifics of the grievance.

As the member highlighted, the northern section of NorthLink was opened in April 2020. As the member would be aware, the route definition was done prior to the Labor Party entering government. But I expect that consultation had been undertaken on that route alignment. When we build roads, it does change the nature of the environment. There is no doubt about that. Throughout that area, in particular, there will be people who moved there to have a quiet retirement or lifestyle, and I acknowledge that the nature of the environment has changed, and I do not think we can shy away from that.

There is a set process for building these types of roads or structures. I will go through that process and make some comments when I can specifically in relation to Mr Bill Hayes and the Taylors. The agency and its contractors have a range of measures to try to, first of all, ascertain whether there is property damage and then go on to resolve that issue. There is an established process. The lead contractor of the project initially negotiates and resolves any claims of property damage as a result of the project. These claims are assessed individually and resolved on a case-by-case basis. A precondition report is undertaken, an assessment is done and then offers are made. If the offer is accepted, an independent building assessor goes to the property and completes an inspection of the home. This provides an accurate understanding of the condition of the property for both parties.

As I said, after construction is complete, landowners are invited to undertake post-construction surveys in which their house is reviewed to ascertain whether any damage may have resulted from construction activities. When the post-construction survey is complete, a copy of the report and information on how to fill in the claim form is sent to the property owners. If a landowner chooses to lodge a claim form, they are asked to include three quotes. I understand the difficulties that would have been experienced due to not only the distance, but also the property market we are in. We are in a unique situation. Sometimes it is hard to get people to come and quote work unless they are guaranteed to do it, and we all understand that. The lead contractor will review the claim along with the quotations provided and advise the landowner of the outcome. If the landowner disputes the outcome and the lead contractor is unable to reach an agreement, the matter is escalated to Main Roads Western Australia, as part of the process, for review.

I am advised by Main Roads that prior to the start of construction, CPB Contractors, which delivered the northern section of NorthLink WA, invited 32 properties to undertake property condition surveys. Of those, 25 completed precondition surveys and, after the completion of construction, 23 properties completed post-construction surveys. After the review of the post-construction surveys, two landowners—those mentioned—lodged claims regarding property damage with CPB Contractors. I have some broad information on the assessment process. As I understand it, as it is an existing process I cannot go through all the details, but I want to state that Main Roads is watching these cases very closely. One claim was initially rejected by CPB Contractors and has since followed the normal property damages claims process. That matter has now been escalated to Main Roads. The other claim is in ongoing negotiations. Main Roads is now directly involved in the negotiations for one case. As I said, this is a legal contractual matter, so a process needs to be followed to ensure that an outcome is achieved for all parties. Main Roads is now getting involved as per the outlined process. Main Roads is now involved in, I think, both claims to make sure that the landowners are treated fairly and that the established process is followed. I know differing claims have been made about the amount of damage and what caused that damage. In particular, in relation to the Taylors, I know there are some very different views on what caused the damage, but a process is being followed. I want to assure the member, and also the residents and landowners involved, that Main Roads takes these issues very seriously. When people are not happy with the process or the outcome from negotiations with the lead contractor, the process allows Main Roads to be involved and to oversee that process. Main Roads takes these issues seriously and will continue to work on both sets of negotiations to ensure that both landowners are treated fairly according to the process.

Sorry; I do not have information on the creek, but I will follow up directly with the relevant agency. I will ask Main Roads to follow up, in particular, to make sure those issues are addressed. I thank the member for the grievance. We take these issues seriously. As I said, when new roads are built, it does impact the nature of the environment of neighbours who were enjoying a different lifestyle. I am not trying to blame anyone, but this alignment was done over a few years. I assume consultation was done with all landowners, but it still does not take away the fact that their rural lifestyle has changed significantly. Main Roads is involved in the specific queries on the homes and will make sure that a fair outcome is reached.

MITCHELL FREEWAY — EXTENSION — ROMEO ROAD

Grievance

MS S.E. WINTON (Wanneroo — Parliamentary Secretary) [9.34 am]: My grievance is to the Minister for Transport, and I thank her for allowing me to bring this grievance to her today. Before I start, I would like to wish her a happy birthday for yesterday.

Ms R. Saffioti: Thank you.

Ms S.E. WINTON: I begin by acknowledging the significant investment in road–rail infrastructure in my electorate in our northern suburbs over the last four years. In particular, we have now delivered two key interchanges at the intersection of Wanneroo Road with Ocean Reef Road and Joondalup Drive. These interchanges are game changers for the residents of my electorate. These projects have busted congestion, significantly improved safety and, importantly, futureproofed these intersections for the significant growth that we will continue to see in my northern and eastern suburbs, such as Banksia Grove and beyond. Of course, they were done in a holistic way. I worked with the minister and the community to ensure that we could include other works to make sure those intersections would work even better, including traffic lights at Clarkson Avenue, a roundabout at Cheriton Drive and upgrades to the roundabout at Joondalup Drive. It is brilliant and it works; every day, people are saving precious minutes travelling to work. The one thing I am not happy about is the lighting on the bridge. It is fantastic, but it does not get purple often enough, so we might need to do something about that and get Freo winning a few more games!

The SPEAKER: I do not think it will be purple for a while!

Ms S.E. WINTON: Thank you, Madam Speaker. We live in hope.

We had the dualling of Wanneroo Road from Flynn Drive to Joondalup Drive, which is fantastic. I want to talk a bit more about Wanneroo Road in a moment.

My grievance today is about the minister's recent announcement of the commencement of construction of the Mitchell Freeway extension to Romeo Road. As the minister knows, I previously grieved to the minister in 2019, and I am very grateful and proud that construction has started. To extend the freeway so far north is incredible. The freeway will link east–west at Romeo Road and make it easier for people in my suburbs to get to much-needed infrastructure, whether it be schools, employment or recreation in the northern corridor. Wanneroo Road is the spine that runs through my electorate, from the north in Carabooda to the south and through the suburbs of Carramar, Ashby, Sinagra and, of course, Wanneroo. It is a significant regional road that carries through traffic coming from the north and south of the state, and with it a significant number of trucks and commercial vehicles. Of course, it also services considerable local traffic with the rapid expansion of urban areas in the north and the development of Alkimos.

It is really exciting to see the rural areas of Carabooda and Nowergup now being connected to the urban areas to the west, thereby allowing people of my electorate easy access to the freeway and rail. This east–west connection at Romeo Road will also allow our beautiful rural areas to further build on their potential agritourism businesses. I am keen to hear, as are my residents, about the time line for the extension of Mitchell Freeway to Romeo Road. As the minister would know, I previously grieved on this matter in 2019 when I highlighted a dangerous black spot on Wanneroo Road at the intersection of Romeo Road and Karoborup Road. I seek reassurance on behalf of my community that this dangerous intersection will be addressed and made safe as part of the Mitchell Freeway works. The key problem here, of course, is that at this intersection, Wanneroo Road is still a single-lane road; it is near on impossible to safely exit Wanneroo Road with cars and trucks and commercial vehicles travelling behind, because there are no slipways to get on or off Wanneroo Road at those single-lane points.

I have previously raised with the minister my position on not extending Lukin Drive through the heart of Neerabup National Park. I speak for the overwhelming majority of my residents who believe that the east–west connectors of Hester Avenue and the soon-to-be constructed Romeo Road link will service our community. Before seeking public office, I fought for many years to protect Lake Nowergup and Neerabup National Park, and I urge the minister not to consider extending Lukin Drive through the national park to Wanneroo. It is unnecessary now that Romeo Road will be our east–west connector. I am also interested to hear how this project will protect the Yaberoo Budjara Heritage Trail through the national park, from Joondalup to Yanchep. In the delivery of this project, I want utmost consideration to be given to protecting the flora and fauna in the area by ensuring that we have adequate underpasses to preserve connectivity.

Finally, I would like to draw the minister's attention to a most special opportunity that arises from this freeway extension. Lake Nowergup, which is part of Neerabup National Park lies some 300 metres south of the intersection of Romeo Road and Wanneroo Road. It is my electorate's best-kept secret. It is the deepest permanent lake in the Perth area. Of course, importantly, the Yaberoo trail that runs from Joondalup to Yanchep does so because of the lake system that supported and sustained Aboriginal people along the route. The trail starts at Lake Joondalup in Yellagonga Regional Park, passes through Neerabup National Park and ends at the lakes in Yanchep National Park. Of course, Aboriginal people would have visited Lake Nowergup on their journey in between. I have long championed this hidden jewel and its potential to be a recreational site for the northern suburbs. I ask that the minister may consider how we might complete this link with the Yaberoo trail given Romeo Road is to be extended and, potentially, Wanneroo Road. Hopefully, the principal shared paths to be developed as part of that road structure will allow us to connect to Lake Nowergup so that people in the urban area can get better access to Lake Nowergup.

In summary, I thank the minister for her continued support of our northern suburbs and acknowledge the unprecedented investment in roads and rail by the McGowan Labor government, which is transformational for my electorate. Importantly, I would like to acknowledge and thank the minister for her continued collaboration with us as local members when we deliver these key infrastructure projects to make sure that they are fit for purpose and meet the expectations of the local communities so that they can be the best possible infrastructure built to service the community in my suburbs. Thank you.

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Minister for Transport) [9.41 am]: I thank the member for Wanneroo for her grievance and her advocacy for her community on not only how we can make sure that this project delivers the base case in a sense—the extension of the freeway to Romeo Road—but also the member for Wanneroo has been very keen to make sure that we focus on Wanneroo Road as part of this project. The member has approached me over many years, first of all, to make sure that we could secure funding for the project, and I am very happy that we have secured the required funding in partnership with the commonwealth to do the extension and to address some other key issues. Safety on Wanneroo Road has been a major issue. Since winning government we have delivered a lot on Wanneroo Road: the two new overpasses and, of course, the widening project. Further north, the member was very keen to make sure that we continue that widening project and that we address some key intersections in the area. The other key issue was to make sure Lukin Drive does not continue east to ensure that Neerabup National Park is protected and that we can all enjoy that lovely national park in future years.

I want to outline a little of what we are delivering and to specifically address what the member raised in her grievance. As I highlighted, \$232 million was confirmed and an additional \$8.5 million was recently confirmed in the commonwealth budget for Butler Boulevard interchange and for the duplication of Wanneroo Road south of Romeo Road to Dunstan Road. This project now includes 5.6 kilometres of the freeway extension between Hester Avenue to Romeo Road, with two traffic lanes in each direction; the interchange at Hester Avenue; and a new interchange at Lukin Drive. That was put forward early and again we will make sure it does not go to the east. Construction of an additional interchange at Butler Boulevard was not included originally but it makes a lot of sense in relation to connections for the new residential housing estates.

There will be a rail tunnel under the freeway northbound lanes for the Butler train line, a bridge over the Nowergup rail yard access for the freeway southbound lanes; and a principal shared path on the side of the freeway from Hester Avenue to Romeo Road, including a pedestrian underpass at Lukin Drive. A new shared path will be constructed on Romeo Road to link the cycle network to Marmion Avenue and a fauna and pedestrian underpass will be built at Romeo Road to connect into the national park.

There will also be construction of Romeo Road from Marmion Avenue to Wanneroo Road with signal modifications at the Marmion Avenue intersection, duplication of Wanneroo Road from south of Romeo Road to Trian Road and duplication of Wanneroo Road from south of Romeo Road to Dunstan Road. Again, that was not included in the original scope but was included as a priced option and we are very happy to deliver that to make sure the dual carriageway does not go into a single carriageway and a single carriageway into a dual carriageway, so we can complete that duplication through that area. We will also incorporate the widening of Lukin Drive from the Mitchell Freeway west of Connolly Drive, which I am sure the City of Wanneroo will appreciate. As we can see, as part of this project of delivering the freeway extension, we will deliver a lot of works.

In relation to the specific issues the member raised, the Wanneroo Road intersection and Karoborup Road will be done as part of the construction of Romeo Road from Wanneroo Road to Marmion Avenue. The intersection at Karoborup Road, Wanneroo Road and Romeo Road will be upgraded to include traffic lights, member, so, again, one of her safety issues will be addressed. The Wanneroo Road project now includes duplication of Wanneroo Road from south of Romeo Road to Trian Road and the extension of the duplication of Wanneroo Road from south of Romeo Road to Dunstan Road, thereby reinforcing full duplication of Wanneroo Road through that whole area. As we said, the extension of Lukin Drive to Wanneroo Road is not included in the project scope, again, because of the environmental concerns and the impact it would have on Neerabup National Park.

In relation to the impacts on Neerabup National Park and the walking trails, Main Roads undertook early engagement with the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions and the City of Wanneroo to inform the planning

and development of the project and to ensure that the impacts on the Neerabup National Park were minimised. A PSP will be constructed on the western side of the freeway and will include a pedestrian underpass at Lukin Drive. The Lukin Drive interchange shared path will connect to the Yaberoo Budjara trail. A shared path will be constructed on Romeo Road to link the cycle network to Marmion Avenue. A fauna pedestrian underpass will be constructed at Romeo Road to allow connectivity of the trail between north and south of Romeo Road. The optional works to duplicate Wanneroo Road from south of Romeo Road to Dunstan Road will include a fauna underpass at Wanneroo Road. Negotiations are underway with the DBCA to also realign a small section of the trail to ensure that access can be maintained at all times.

The member also asked about cycling and pedestrian connectivity to Lake Nowergup. We are working on that proposal with DBCA, which is responsible for trails in the national park, but if it is something we can work in with DBCA and the City of Wanneroo to improve that connectivity, I hope to also do that. There are a lot of roads —

Ms S.E. Winton: What about the bridge?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Sorry, I will get to the purple on the bridge. The member has been very proactive in putting forward safety concerns on Wanneroo Road to make sure that we protect the environmental assets in that area. I am really pleased that through her representations and our negotiations with the commonwealth and other key stakeholders, we are delivering a freeway project extension that will include massive safety improvements to Wanneroo Road, something I am very, very keen on.

I commit to lighting up the bridge in purple every weekend, member!

MANDURAH ESTUARY BRIDGE — DUPLICATION — ACCESSIBILITY

Grievance

MRS L.A. MUNDAY (Dawesville) [9.48 am]: This grievance is also to the Minister for Transport. Firstly, I thank the Minister for Transport for taking my grievance this morning. I also acknowledge and thank the McGowan Labor government for contributing \$55 million towards the duplication of the Mandurah Estuary Bridge. This was an important election commitment for the people of Dawesville, Mandurah and Murray–Wellington. Duplication of this bridge is a key infrastructure project for Western Australia. The bridge was opened in 1986 by the then Labor government. It is a three-lane bridge that links Mandurah to Dawesville, and coupled with the Dawesville Cut, which was opened in 1993, it effectively makes my electorate an island. I am proud to have lived on this island in Falcon for over a decade. This bridge was also intended to be duplicated long before now. During my months of doorknocking, many residents raised the issue of the duplication of the bridge with me requesting that I make it a commitment.

It is often said that the Mandurah Estuary Bridge was promised every four years but never delivered. It was a great moment for me as the first Labor member for the Dawesville electorate to announce the duplication of the Mandurah Estuary Bridge as an election commitment, and now it is a reality. Thank you. The current three-lane bridge has long been a point of frustration and concern for local motorists and tourists. Having a four-lane highway feeding into a three-lane bridge just does not make sense and causes a lot of traffic jams and motor vehicle accidents, and people fail to merge. Let us face it, Western Australians are notoriously bad at merging. As a paramedic who has worked in this area for over 10 years, it is a concern for me, particularly as an emergency service worker, to try to cross the bridge during peak periods on priority with the lights and sirens on. On several occasions I have been delayed by the traffic congestion when resuscitating people, from babies to the elderly, in the back of an ambulance. Road users also become increasingly frantic and make poor decisions when they see blue and red lights approaching from behind and have nowhere to go.

I was very excited when the Minister for Transport and the McGowan government agreed to fund the duplication. Now that we have the green light for the build to be put out for tender, I ask the minister to give consideration to all my constituents and those in the electorates of the members for Mandurah and Murray–Wellington to utilise the bridge for activities other than transport. Fishability Mandurah is a not-for-profit organisation that was formed 20 years ago to enable people with disabilities of all ages to enjoy the healthy outdoor pastime of recreational fishing. The organisation has reached out to us to seek the building of a platform under the Mandurah Estuary Bridge to allow people who are physically disabled or wheelchair bound to be able to access the benefits of the estuary to fish or just sit and enjoy the beautiful views that the estuary has to offer. Fishability runs a program in Mandurah that has been operating for nearly 10 years. It holds events every Thursday at various venues around Mandurah. Its clients are taught the fundamentals of fishing and are encouraged to do things such as baiting hooks and casting. When announcing all new infrastructure projects, it is vitally important for the government to take into account the needs of all people, including people with disabilities and limited mobility. We should always plan for every person to have the opportunity to be seen and heard and to feel valued. By doing this, we can create inclusive, vibrant communities that attract more and more people to them.

One of the existing facilities in the Peel region is the new Old Mandurah Traffic Bridge in the member for Mandurah's electorate. It was rebuilt in December 2017 and has a fishing platform that is accessible to young families with prams and people who require a wheelchair, are physically impaired or require crutches or a walker. Due in

part to the success of the Fishability program, that facility has become a very popular spot, so much so that it is becoming increasingly overcrowded during peak periods. As the member for Dawesville, I am proud that I can be a voice to those who are considered vulnerable or a minority within our community. Minister, I ask that you give serious consideration to ensuring that accessible fishing platforms are planned for and provided in the design of the duplicated Mandurah Estuary Bridge. The current bridge does not cater for disability, so this is an opportunity to ensure that people with disabilities and those who have limited mobility can enjoy the fishing experiences on our magnificent Peel waterways. Thank you.

MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan — Minister for Transport) [9.52 am]: I thank the member for Dawesville for that grievance. As the first Labor member for Dawesville, it will be an incredible achievement for the member to deliver this long-awaited bridge that was promised many times. As members are aware, one of our key commitments at the election was to provide \$55 million for this project with the expectation that the federal government would match us to deliver the new Mandurah Estuary Bridge. This project had been talked about for many, many years and was promised by the former coalition government at more than one election, but it was never delivered. I am very pleased that since the election we have already secured the other \$55 million required for the project, so we have \$110 million to deliver this long-awaited bridge.

I will go through the current situation, although the member to the left of me, the member for Mandurah, and, of course, the member for Dawesville, know the current situation very well. The existing Mandurah Estuary Bridge is 12.74 metres wide and 383 metres long. It caters for a single 3.5 metre traffic lane in the eastbound direction and two in the westbound direction, with shoulders of half a metre and a shared path. Mandurah Road is a four-lane dual carriageway on both sides of the bridge. This means that northbound traffic is required to merge into one lane at the curves on the approach to the bridge to cross the bridge in an eastbound direction. During the morning peak period, up to 500 metres of northbound traffic can queue at the merge onto the bridge, I am advised, although anecdotally I am told that it is even more. That results in delays. The member for Dawesville, in her previous occupation as a paramedic, understands the impact that has on emergency vehicles. The member has told me about some of the stresses and pressures that has caused when trying to get across the bridge safely to make sure that patients are cared for. We want to try to address that issue as well. We are very keen to deliver the bridge for the safety of drivers and to reduce congestion in that area.

The issue the member raised about the fishing platforms is a good one. As the member knows, the existing fishing platform is located in the estuary between piers 3 and 4. The platform and access stairs for the bridge are under the care and control of the City of Mandurah. As the member knows, that does not allow for much accessibility, in particular for the elderly or those in wheelchairs and so forth. Therefore, fishing is not very accessible. When building a new bridge, in particular in the fishing Mecca of Mandurah, we have to look at fishing platforms because we know that the people of Mandurah love to fish and crab. We will now go through the detailed design and development stage of the duplication of the new estuary bridge. That will create an opportunity for key community input. I would like the members for Mandurah and Dawesville to be involved, as representatives of the community. A key aspect of that is always how we can improve pedestrian and cycling access—I am very keen to make sure that we incorporate that in the design of all our new bridges and infrastructure—and also provide better access to fishing. I was fortunate to open the new Mandurah bridge —

Mr D.A. Templeman: With me, of course.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: With the member for Mandurah. I remember it was a very hot day and my daughter bought a really weird costume at the fair.

Mr D.A. Templeman: She does have taste!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I remember that day. It was one of the first things that I did as a minister.

I acknowledge the work done on that project by the previous government. I remember that day and the outcomes for the pedestrians and cyclists. The pedestrian walkway is six metres, is it not?

Mr D.A. Templeman: Yes.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: When I stayed in Dawesville a few times over some long weekends, my family and I loved walking across that bridge.

Mr D.A. Templeman: You've seen me cycle there on my e-bike, haven't you?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: No.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Different day!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It must have been.

The SPEAKER: You wouldn't have recognised him in the lycra!

Mr D.A. Templeman: I look very fetching, I can tell you.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I might have seen him but looked away quickly, Madam Speaker!

The SPEAKER: Avert your eyes!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I remember the skate park, which was a lot of fun, and walking across the bridge and going to the café and getting crumpets from a very good bakery. It is a really good area. We have the ability to provide improved amenities on the estuary bridge, particularly for fishing. We are very keen to consult with Fishability Mandurah and the local members as part of the detail design phase. We want to get on with the design and then get to the tender process as soon as we can. This is a huge opportunity to improve the overall amenity of the area and the access to the new fishing platforms for the local residents. I am very keen to see this bridge built. It is very exciting that we have secured matching funding and have the cash in the bank. We now need to go through the detailed design work and then go through the tender process.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Well done, member.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: Yes, well done. The member for Dawesville put it on the agenda. She approached me a number of times and raised this in the lead-up to the last election. It was very pleasing to go there during the campaign and commit to it. We have secured the funding and are now at the detail design phase. We can design it to ensure that we bring benefits to not only the drivers in their cars, but also people who walk on the bridge or fish from it and want to use it as part of the local amenity in the area. It is a very exciting project and I cannot wait to see it built.

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — EATING DISORDERS PROGRAM

Grievance

MS L. METTAM (Vasse — Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party) [9.59 am]: My grievance is to the Minister for Health. I thank him for taking my grievance on the support available for children and adolescents suffering from anorexia nervosa in Western Australia, specifically at the Perth Children's Hospital's eating disorders unit. From the outset, I would like to thank the many parents who have provided feedback for this grievance. They would also like to thank the frontline superstars, as they call them, the nurses, who currently work in the health system.

As the minister may be aware, and as classified by the Australian government's Department of Health, anorexia is a severe, very distressing and often chronic mental illness. It centres on an intense preoccupation around body weight and eating that is often accompanied by other mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, a lack of concentration and low self-esteem. It can result in an array of physical illnesses including extreme, often life-threatening weight loss, heart problems, kidney failure, infertility and sometimes death. It usually starts in adolescence and has the highest death rate—20 per cent in 20 years—of all mental health illnesses. The average time that people suffer is between five to seven years, but there are often relapses and for some people it can be a lifelong struggle. As stated on the HealthyWA website, seeking help and treatment early is associated with an improved outcome. Unfortunately, that early treatment does not appear to be readily available for children suffering this condition in WA.

I have been contacted by a number of families who have provided anecdotal evidence that the system for treating children under 16 years of age who suffer from anorexia in WA is falling well short, leaving families struggling to find appropriate treatment and help for their often severely malnourished and psychologically very unwell children. As the minister may be aware, there is a specialised eating disorders unit at PCH that has only eight inpatient beds for the whole state, and there is also a transitional program. To receive treatment in the unit, children must be assessed by the PCH's multidisciplinary team and be officially diagnosed with an eating disorder. Children who have not been assessed are refused treatment at the unit. The wait time to be assessed and diagnosed is currently six to nine months. For many WA families, their children are literally starving and fading away in front of them as they wait for their child's assessment date to arrive. If their unassessed children present to an emergency department in the meantime, they are often turned away due to a lack of beds or because their child's vitals have not plummeted enough. These families return home to try to manage this horrendous illness alone. One mother reported to me that her extremely anxious, malnourished daughter was finally admitted to the PCH's general admissions ward after being previously turned away, only to share a room with a mother and young baby. Anorexia is a mental health disorder and this situation was dire for both parties. The current lack of beds is causing significant concern. In some cases, the illness has often progressed to a critical level both mentally and physically once they are finally assessed and diagnosed.

I am told that once admitted to the inpatient eating disorders unit, the treatment is based on a medical model, rather than a psychological model. This means that the primary form of treatment is to address the child's weight loss issues through supervised meals and forced feeds. I understand that a psychiatrist may see the child to prescribe antipsychotic drugs or other forms of sedatives, but not to actually treat their mental illness through therapy. It is understood that the focus of this model is to treat the physical challenges of the illness, because executives believe that any form of psychiatric counselling would be futile while the brain is starved and until the physical condition improves, despite anorexia being defined as a chronic mental illness. This is despite the often elevated behaviour, psychosis, suicide attempts and self-harm that occurs during the hospital refeeding process. Security guards are positioned full-time at the entrance of the unit to stop runaways and to assist with the heightened behaviour.

Once the child gains an acceptable amount of weight, they are discharged and their family is told that they should engage in family-based therapy or seek psychiatric services. Unfortunately, I have been told that this is ineffective

in at least 20 per cent of cases. One mother stated, “This is all well and good, but my child doesn’t get to be an outpatient because she is unable to manage successfully on her own. Am I supposed to just let her flounder in hospital with her mental state getting worse and wait and see?” Another mother I spoke to said her daughter had been admitted to PCH six times and was recently discharged, but the earliest appointment she could find with a public or private psychiatrist specialising in eating disorders was in August. Where are these kids to go? The most severely ill children will be readmitted within days of being discharged as their weight inevitably plummets when they get home without being force fed and because their mental illness has not been treated. One mother said that her daughter had spent most of the past nine months in hospital on a never-ending cycle of hospital readmission and self-harm and she remains on the ward with no psychological support, still not eating a full meal and no understanding of when she might go home or get further treatment.

These parents believe that their children are being left to languish in a system that is essentially not listening to them and not treating their child’s core mental illness. They are desperate for a better approach and more resources. I appeal to the minister to urgently review the current treatment model for anorexia within PCH to include a comprehensive psychiatric plan that allows these patients to receive psychological help quickly and to review the speed of the current assessment process. I also appeal to the minister to commit more funds to address this growing issue within WA. Thank you.

MR R.H. COOK (Kwinana — Minister for Health) [10.06 am]: Thank you very much to the member for her grievance this morning and for the rescheduling of it. As the member would be aware, we are having to move fairly swiftly this morning in our response to the lockdown announcements in Victoria.

Eating disorders, particularly in our young children, are a debilitating disease. It is a very chronic condition that can have long-term repercussions for people’s health. It is important that we take the opportunity to provide the resources that are necessary to address it. It impacts not only the individual, but also the families and the people around them as they struggle to deal with behaviours and other issues that come with this particular condition. The number of outpatient referrals and admissions to Perth Children’s Hospital for eating disorders has increased significantly in recent years. This is consistent with increasing numbers both nationally and internationally. As referrals and admissions continue to rise exponentially, the eating disorders service has had to adapt its services to respond. The current eating disorders service day program has been paused to create capacity for a new transition program designed for medically stable inpatients to access group therapy and meal support in preparation for discharge. The program commenced on Tuesday, 30 March and initial feedback suggests that it has been well received by both young people and their families. There is a recognition of a service gap around the need for a dedicated inpatient eating disorders unit, and the Child and Adolescent Health Service is looking at options for this at PCH. Parents, carers and interest groups have been advocating for this approach for many years and we know that we need to respond. We recently hosted a round table with families affected by eater disorders. It is important to hear their concerns around these specific issues.

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have had a significant increase in the number of people presenting with eating disorders. The eating disorders service received 273 referrals in 2020, compared with 185 in 2019. This is a 47.6 per cent increase in referrals. In December 2020, the EDS had 32 referrals, the highest number of referrals in a month since data started to be collected. The number of patients admitted to PCH with a diagnosis for an eating disorder increased by 86 per cent from 2019 to 2020, and this increased rate has been sustained. December 2020 had the highest number of admissions on record. Readmissions on the medical ward for young people with an eating disorder have also increased by 50 per cent. In 2020, 57 per cent of all patients were readmitted with an eating disorder within 28 days.

We know that we have an issue and that it needs to be addressed. I am very proud to say that during the election campaign, the WA Labor Party made a significant commitment to a statewide eating disorders service, with a commitment to invest \$31 million over the forward estimates. The idea is to create a WA statewide eating disorders specialist service that will be a hub. It will be a centralised tertiary level service consisting of a statewide day program and early intervention. It will have community spokes consisting of a statewide eating disorders prevention campaign, a statewide school-based eating disorders prevention program, an expansion of the existing body esteem program, and provision of community information and support groups for family members of individuals experiencing eating disorders. This hub-and-spoke model will have a clinical spoke consisting of two patient transition coordinators, one nurse-led medical monitoring service, one specialist multidisciplinary outpatient clinical pilot, and additional WA Country Health Service staff.

As the member pointed out, this is a horrible condition and one that is very difficult to manage, with co-occurring mental health and physical health issues, or symptoms. As a result, it is very challenging to design services around it. Like many aspects of our health system at the moment, we are under significant pressure in the number of people presenting. As I said, there has been an 86 per cent increase in inpatient admissions. We know that we need to bring resources to bear. The good news is that WA Labor and the McGowan Labor government has committed to introducing a statewide eating disorders program involving a \$31 million investment over the forward estimates. I am very much looking forward to implementing that election commitment in the coming months and years.

SUPPLY BILL 2021*Second Reading*

Resumed from 26 May.

MS S.E. WINTON (Wanneroo — Parliamentary Secretary) [10.12 am]: Mr Deputy Speaker, it is nice to have you in the chair again to listen to me conclude my contribution to the Supply Bill 2021. I will not stand for much longer.

Yesterday, I focused on the area of education and the significant investment that is coming to my local schools in the electorate of Wanneroo. I want to spend the few minutes that I have this morning to touch briefly on the infrastructure that has been delivered and is being delivered in the northern suburbs, and particularly in Wanneroo, and how that impacts on the residents in my electorate. Of course we hear a lot about Metronet. Metronet is truly transformational. We will have 72 kilometres of new passenger rail built and up to 18 new stations. That is quite phenomenal. As one of the largest single investments in public transport that this city has seen, Metronet will help positively change how people in Perth live and travel. It will come all the way up to Yanchep.

The point that I want to focus on right now is the big announcement that was made during the election campaign about making public transport in Western Australia more affordable. The election commitment that was made by the Minister for Transport was to reduce the cost of public transport in the suburbs. That has been missed a little bit. We were very excited when we rolled that out and people realised the significant difference that will make to the affordability of public transport, particularly for those who live in the outer suburbs. The announcement referred to capping fares for all metropolitan train and bus journeys at the cost of a two-zone ticket for a standard trip. This will be a true game changer for people in the northern suburbs who have to use public transport every day to get to work. The SmartRider ticketing system will also receive a \$24 million upgrade to enable passengers to choose to pay by credit or debit card, or smartphone. Under the plan, the maximum price passengers will pay will be \$4.90 if paying by cash, \$4.40 if using a standard SmartRider, and \$3.90 if using the SmartRider autoloan feature. If travelling on a concession—I have a daughter who travels to university every day—the cost will be \$2.10 if paying by cash, and \$1.68 for a SmartRider autoloan. That program is due to start in January next year. As I said, this will bring equity to public transport for the people in my electorate who need it the most. The infrastructure investment that the McGowan Labor government will put into public transport is transformational and very important, because it will make public transport affordable and accessible to the general public.

I also want to touch on the Mitchell Freeway extension. I was pleased that the Minister for Transport accepted my grievance this morning. That \$230 million project will extend the freeway north from Hester Avenue to Romeo Road. It is anticipated to create more than 1 200 local jobs. The project is on track to be completed by 2023. Very importantly, it is fantastic that as part of those works we will see the dualling of Wanneroo Road south and north of Romeo Road. That will effectively mean that Wanneroo Road will be dualled all the way to Carabooda. It is quite extraordinary that that is going to happen. I grew up in Yanchep, and I remember going to Wanneroo High School when Wanneroo Road was a single lane and very bumpy and winding road. To think that in a few short years we will see the dualling of Wanneroo Road all the way to Carabooda is quite mind blowing to me, having lived in that area for a very long time. The fact that the freeway will now be extended to Romeo Road will be quite transformational.

When I graduated from high school, I decided to attend Murdoch University to do my teaching degree. Of course I would choose the closest university to Yanchep—not! In those days, when I would travel in my little Ford Escort to uni every day, the northern-most point of the freeway was Main Street in Osborne Park. I have that conversation with my daughters sometimes as I try to explain the infrastructure that is coming to the northern suburbs and the rail line all the way to Yanchep, and they do not quite understand the significance of this change for people in the northern suburbs of Wanneroo, Butler and Burns Beach. It is an exciting time for the northern suburbs. I am very, very proud to be part of a McGowan Labor government that has in the past four years—and will in this term and into the future—demonstrated clearly its commitment to the people in the northern suburbs.

MS K.E. GIDDENS (Bateman) [10.18 am]: I rise today to contribute to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. In my inaugural speech three weeks ago, I talked about the economy being in the service of the people. The McGowan Labor government's commitments and priorities well and truly reflect this value. As well as protecting Western Australians in what is one of the safest communities in the world during this COVID-19 pandemic, the McGowan government has also responded with a \$5.5 billion WA Recovery Plan. This plan focuses on three key areas: economy and industry; community; and, of course, jobs-creating infrastructure. The WA Recovery Plan has helped drive social and economic recovery across Western Australia. In fact, we now have not only the strongest economy in Australia, but one of the strongest in the world. Due to this, the McGowan Labor government is able to commit to significant investment into this state. Some examples of that include the fully funded \$1.8 billion women's and babies' hospital, the construction of which will generate more than 1 400 jobs. The women's and babies' hospital is something that I, in particular, hold very dear to my heart because my sister experienced preterm labour when she had all her children and lost her first baby to preterm labour. I know that Western Australia is leading the research in this area, so infrastructure and facilities like this will help to support outcomes for women and babies in Western Australia. It is very exciting.

In addition, we have record spending in mental health. We heard about some of the challenges in this space this morning. It is a very important area and, of course, \$120 million will be going directly in to support youth and increase mental health services for young people. There will be an 1 100 additional police officers, one of the largest injections of police numbers ever in this state, certainly in recent history. Importantly, as well, we have a plan to create jobs and to diversify our economy, particularly in green jobs.

We have heard a lot about infrastructure this morning. The Minister for Transport has been very busy on her feet, describing all the great projects that are happening across Western Australia. Bateman is no different from any other electorate and will benefit from this record infrastructure spend. For example, in addition to the \$370 million that has already been invested by the McGowan Labor government in cycling and trail infrastructure, my community in Bateman will benefit from a number of improvements to cycle pathways. This includes improvements to the principal shared path on the Kwinana Freeway between Mt Henry Bridge and Leach Highway, and the Murdoch Drive connection, which, of course, is just outside my electorate but which people in my electorate will access and benefit from. Just this morning I was driving down the freeway with my husband in the car. He is a keen cyclist, a pursuit that is shared by many people in Bateman—not by myself. I will pass on the lycra, nonetheless it is very popular. He commented on the section that is currently under construction. I see progress every morning, Minister for Transport; it is very exciting to watch.

Ms R. Saffioti: It's a big project.

Ms K.E. GIDDENS: It is huge. He was very excited. This morning he described to me how he used to have to go down the back streets and then try to cross a particularly busy intersection. He is very excited about the new cycleway because, of course, his ride to work, as well as that of others who use that path, will be safer. That section is a very important part of that pathway. I think there is now 74 kilometres of cycling infrastructure all the way from Mandurah—if you are that fit—to the city. That is a very important piece of infrastructure.

Of course, I was driving on the freeway this morning, and we now have a smart freeway. That has been very important in decreasing the travel time on what were at times very congested areas of the freeway. We say that it is a smart freeway going into the city and a dumb freeway coming out. We hope to have smart freeways all the way. I note the extension of the smart freeway technology into the northern suburbs, which is great for people in that region, but we in the southern suburbs are certainly benefiting from the smart freeway. We are yet to see how that goes coming out of the city, but we are certainly grateful for the commute into the city. They are some of the infrastructure projects that benefit Bateman.

I will now turn to some local commitments, which gives me a great opportunity to talk about not only those commitments, but also the way in which the government is supporting the people of Bateman and the great work that people are already doing. New to the job, as I am, I do not think that I will ever get tired of learning about the people, organisations and groups who support our communities. It is almost endless. Every day I learn about somebody new and the efforts that they are putting into our community. I take my hat off to each and every one of them.

I would like to start with schools. As a former teacher, education is very important to me, and, of course, it is very important to the McGowan Labor government. When I visited Ardross Primary School, I was blown away by the energy in that school, led by principal Sue Mikkelsen-Taylor. That school has a whole-of-school focus on sustainability and has a range of projects underway. Its native gardens are magnificent and the kids get involved. The McGowan Labor government has committed \$80 000 to support that school's work in the area of sustainability. It will use that money to upgrade to more energy-efficient lighting, to reduce ongoing running costs, and on other projects that support its whole-of-school approach.

A much larger commitment of \$1.5 million has been given to Applecross Senior High School, whose principal is Paul Leech, for a new STEM classroom. That is a very exciting commitment. When I visited the school for its Anzac Day ceremony, the people there were particularly excited about that. I met some of the Applecross Senior High School students when they were at the Synergy solar challenge, so they are already well and truly involved in STEM. They love it and this commitment will really increase Applecross Senior High School's capacity to deliver for its students.

A much smaller commitment of \$17 000 has been given to the Bateman Winthrop Scout Group, which is very active in our community. I joined with them in collecting litter. It is a very active group in the local area, led by barra scout leader Glenn Elliott. Glenn not only brings a huge amount of energy to the scout group, but also is involved in the Bateman Primary School and leads the Fathering Project there. That commitment of \$17 000 will enable the Bateman Winthrop Scout Group to buy some canoes, which means they will be able to access the river and engage in water safety activities, enhancing their capacity to engage their members and perhaps get even more families involved in what is a great active group.

President of the Blue Gum Park Tennis Club, Colin Lorrimar, approached me during the election campaign and said that I needed to come down and meet its club members. From the moment I met with them, the passion that they bring to that part of the community became really clear. It is a very large club; in fact, I think they are the largest in the southern metropolitan area. A \$60 000 commitment from the government will assist them to build a spectator stand and shade structure. Particularly during our hot summers that will be really important. A lot of grandparents

come down to support their grandkids, and there are, obviously, parents, juniors and people of all ages at the club. It is truly representative of all the people in our community. To have a safe and enjoyable facility will really improve what Blue Gum Park Tennis Club is able to offer. I commend the club for that and will work with them. The project will cost more than \$60 000 and the funding from the McGowan Labor government will fund only part of that project, so I will work with the club and the community on that so they can get that project underway.

Kardinya Bowling Club was the first club that I had the pleasure of going to after I was elected as the member for Bateman. I was also engaged with that club throughout the campaign. It might not come as a surprise that I am not a bowler, but the moment I walked into that club, I was—I was going to say bowled over; I am going to say it—bowled over by their passion. It is truly an inclusive club. The volunteers at that club are led by president Steve Back. He is not to be confused with another Steve at the club who manages the bar and who manages a lot more than that. Steve puts the equivalent of a full-time job every week—more than 40 hours—into that club, and he does it entirely as a volunteer. Volunteers make a significant contribution to the Kardinya community and, in fact, to the broader community. Kardinya Bowling Club is very proud of its commitment to the BowlAbility program, a statewide program that enables people with disabilities to engage in bowls. As members can imagine, additional infrastructure is required to support that program, with ramps and universal access. Kardinya Bowling Club is extremely committed to that program. I am very, very proud, as part of the McGowan Labor government, to be able to commit to them \$121 000. This funding will enable the club to fully fund the replacement of its shade sails. That will increase the safety and comfort of players. I would like to congratulate Kardinya Bowling Club for its contribution to being a truly inclusive club.

I used to play netball—I probably should go bowling! Kardinya Netball Club is a fantastic little community club. The member for Willagee is familiar with that club because, of course, it used to be in his patch. He supported the club very well. It operates out of a shipping container, where they store all their equipment, which was a commitment by the member for Willagee. I do not mind saying that the club's courts are pretty average—they are bitumen—and the posts are pretty average. An \$80 000 commitment from the McGowan Labor government will enable this great club, which has gotten by with very little support, to fully resurface the courts to a modern and safe playing standard. I am very pleased to be able to do that.

Bowling clubs seem to be a theme, and Mt Pleasant Bowling Club is no stranger to the commitment of \$100 000 by the McGowan Labor government. This is a pretty big investment because it will support the movement of the not-for-profit aged-care provider Melville Cares to become an anchor tenant, so to speak, in that facility. The bowling club is looking to create a more accessible club that caters to a wider range of people. That is going to underpin the financial viability of the club and really create a community space. That \$100 000 will go towards the total project cost. I should say that \$330 000 has been committed by the City of Melville and \$100 000 by the McGowan Labor government. It will create a really great upgrade there, with universal access and a state-of-the-art facility.

Murdoch University Melville Football Club is a huge club in our area. It is run by many very passionate volunteers. The club is no stranger to my family, with a son who plays there—in fact, two sons now. Thanks, there goes my weekends! They love it. Saturdays and Sundays—I mean, seriously! No sleep-ins for us. Anyway, \$50 000 will go to the club. That will enable it to relocate some storage facilities down onto a new pitch so people do not have to lug everything for quite a large distance. That will go towards enabling the club to expand and to meet demand. It has a huge number of members and participants, right from the junior level to top-level seniors. That is a very exciting commitment.

I now move to Palmyra Rugby Club. My husband started playing for the “Pally” Pigs—don't ask! The sum of \$10 000 will go to that club to purchase two custom-made spectator marquees. Being a winter sport, I am sure that that will be appreciated by spectators. I can probably include myself if I ever get down to stand in the cold and rain to watch him play!

The McGowan Labor government and the City of Melville shared a commitment to support a fenced dog park at Piney Lakes. After quite a lot of consultation by the City of Melville, this dog park will go in an area of Piney Lakes. It was extremely popular. This is a very well supported project. I am very excited to bring this to the people of Winthrop. They will enjoy that, and I know that Winston will enjoy that! I may even invite the member for Bicton to cross boundaries and bring Archie for a play when we get that delivered. They would be very welcome.

I now turn to the South of Perth Yacht Club. It is probably unusual for members of a Labor government to make commitments to yacht clubs. I have to say that we committed to a very worthy project at that yacht club. The sum of \$80 000 will support the purchase of a new rescue boat, which in turn will be used for the club's sailability program. Over 70 volunteers turn up regularly, every Wednesday. I am not sure that 70 turn up every Wednesday, but 70 people regularly volunteer, and every Wednesday this program delivers to people with disabilities from across the entire metro area. The volunteers get them out onto boats. They use all sorts of mechanisms to do that. They might put a beanbag on the deck of the boat. Boats and equipment have been customised so that people with a whole range of disabilities can get out there and enjoy being on our river and all the beautiful amenity that that brings. That is very well deserved. I absolutely stand by that commitment. I look forward to the club getting that new boat.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms K.E. GIDDENS: I will return to netball, specifically Tingara Netball Club, which will receive \$100 000. Brentwood Primary School will benefit significantly from this also. All the netball clubs in our southern area struggle for netball courts. They struggle for enough access to courts—netball being a very popular sport. Tingara Netball Club has a shared-use agreement with Brentwood Primary School to use its courts for training. The courts are situated under some beautiful trees but these beautiful trees drop leaves and nuts, and that becomes a little unsafe. In wet weather, the courts are not able to be safely used by players. The sum of \$100 000 will be used to upgrade that playing surface so that the courts are safe in all weather conditions, and, of course, the primary school students there will absolutely love those new playing courts during recesses and lunches. They will enjoy that very much.

One of the most exciting commitments made was \$200 000 to Tompkins Park to install a nature playground in that area. I am really looking forward to working with the community, particularly young people, to develop ideas and to see what their vision is for this space. It is used by lots of sports, so families will be able to come and play rugby and cricket, and their children will be able to safely enjoy that area. We know that parks create lots of value for communities. If there is a good park, families will come from across the region to enjoy that space. Tompkins Park, being on the foreshore, is an absolutely stunning space. It is a great community asset. It is a community asset that was protected by the McGowan Labor government. In fact, in the last term, Minister Wyatt protected that space by not allowing an area of crown land to be used for the wave park proposal. In doing so, that has protected that space for community use and community amenity into the future. The Tompkins Park nature playground will be an asset to that space. I look forward to that being delivered.

Last, but not least, I refer to Windelya Sports Association. This passionate group is based in the Morris Buzacott Reserve area in Kardinya. It has multiple sports. Led by president Andrew Ogden, the association has recently worked very, very hard to deliver a new clubhouse area. That was a big upgrade. The member for Willagee might know how much it spent, but it was more than a million dollars anyway. The value it got for that was incredible. A small commitment of \$20 000 will enable it to do a proper fit-out and to get the furniture that is needed, particularly the outdoor furniture, so it can use those beautiful new facilities comfortably.

I would like to return to the fact that it has been a real pleasure and a joy as the newly elected member for Bateman to get out into our community and to support these groups, and to learn more and more, as I do every week, about the level of commitment that is made by people in our community. Again, I would like to thank them for it. I am particularly proud as a member of the McGowan Labor government to be able to support some of these groups and, of course, work with all others to deliver. I would like to commend the Supply Bill 2021.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: The member for Riverton—Southern River, sorry.

MR T.J. HEALY (Southern River — Parliamentary Secretary) [10.39 am]: Deputy Speaker, I have been a member of the Riverton Scout Group for 30 years, but I do represent Southern River.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Indeed, you do.

Mr T.J. HEALY: Thank you very much, Deputy Speaker. I rise to also make a contribution to and comment on the Supply Bill 2021. I will talk about all the past, current and planned projects that are happening in our community, all underpinned, of course, by this government's fantastic achievement of committing to local jobs. We have committed to local jobs for more projects now than were done before so that your family and my family get the work, apprenticeships and training out of government projects, the funds and the work stays here in WA, and we all get a chance to share in that.

The first thing I would like to talk to members about is a petition that I handed in yesterday to the Parliament, as members will be aware, on our commitment to remove speed bumps and build new chicanes in Huntingdale. Members will be aware that at the last election, we made a commitment to remove all the speed bumps from Gay Street in Huntingdale. We delivered on that commitment, successfully removing those speed bumps and creating chicanes on Gay Street. After community feedback on that pilot program, we then made a commitment at this election of \$475 000 to remove all the speed bumps and build chicanes on Harpenden Street in Huntingdale, and we have now begun that process as well. Of course, none of us in this chamber would ever speed or do things inappropriately. We all do the right thing. In my community, we found that although we members slow down for speed bumps, the idiots do not. If speed bumps are not slowing down vehicles, what is their purpose? After a lot of community consultation, we found that chicanes were a much better way to ensure that every family gets to be safe and secure in their car or other vehicle.

We have now met with the council and we have begun the process. Last time, after the 2017 election, it took us about 18 months to design the new chicanes, consult with the community and then build. We have announced that time line. I have now met with the council CEO and discussed how we are going to implement that. We are now consulting in the community, and I encourage members of the community to reach out to terry.healy@mp.wa.gov.au and let me know their thoughts about the location of these chicanes. The community needs to engage with us. We will be writing to people and holding community forums, and I will still be doorknocking through the area and talking to people, but, please, do not hesitate to reach out to us. We are hoping to have some of those initial concepts and plans available soon, and we will certainly make those available to people.

Much has been said about the multimillion-dollar youth plaza that Mark McGowan and I made a promise to build at Sutherlands Park. Our area has wonderful toddler parks. We are delivering on building and growing the infrastructure that our outer suburbs need, but one thing that is lacking is a facility that services the older youth in our community. After extensive consultation, this government made a commitment to contribute \$2 million towards that youth plaza. A youth plaza is more than just a skate park or a facility. We have decided on a location at Sutherlands Park. The best location is on the corner of Holmes Street and Southern River Road, which will allow us to keep the oval space and really build a great development right alongside and adjacent to the new shopping centres and the growing part of that area.

The youth plaza was originally modelled on the concept of a youth plaza in Fremantle; however, since then, after a lot of consultation—I was down at Margaret River youth plaza recently—we have modelled it a lot on the Scarborough Beach youth plaza. Basically, we are looking to build a very substantial toddler park as part of the development. We are looking to build a skate park that does not have a deep bowl. After a lot of community consultation that has been done so far in the first phase of this development, we have found that the majority of residents are not after a deep bowl but want something that is more like long stretches for people to utilise and engage in. It will be a place that is out in the open alongside our shopping centres. Some of our other skate parks are fantastic but there is a perception that they are not the safest places and lack security because of poor lighting and bad positioning.

By placing this park near main roads—of course, with fences for safety, but within the public view—we will create a safe area. There will be a very nice toddler park there as well so that dads like me, when I am there with my two-year-old and four-year-old, will actually help to create passive surveillance of the area. We are creating an active area with playgrounds that teens can utilise so that they can be active and social and not necessarily hanging out in shopping centres or areas where some of the community feel they should not be. We are also looking to build a half basketball court as part of the development there. Again, we really appreciate that members of the community reached out to us and told us what they would like to be designed and built.

Like I said, the election was fairly clear. People elected us to do it and we are delivering it. We have met with the council; we have sat down and begun a process. A working party will meet every couple of months with me and the chief executive officer to talk about all the milestones, designs and builds. The next phase of the design has been completed. We will go to Caladenia Primary School and a couple of other schools this week and we will go to all the primary schools to talk with families, students and young people about what they would like to be designed. People can go to my website, terryhealy.com.au, and fill out the youth plaza consultation survey there, or they can email my office and let us know what they would like, and we will keep people involved and informed as we progress through this development.

We also made a commitment of \$100 000 towards the Yangtze Avenue playground development, which is in Southern River. It is an area that has some very small homes—smaller lot sizes, I should say—and a very large, barren park was built there. In 2018, I campaigned and presented a petition to the council to upgrade that park. Unfortunately, the council was not able to find the funds to do that. Very controversially, I suggested that some of the councillors could give up their travel allowances for the year to find the funds. That was not met with much positivity from the councillors. But, at the most recent election, we made a commitment of \$100 000 towards building a new park there. The consultation that we have done so far in this initial phase has meant that \$50 000 will be allocated towards a soft-play playground with kids' swings and slides, and we are hoping to have some designs available soon. That is probably one of the first projects that we are seeking to build because there is more or less consensus on the first half of that. After talking with so many families in the area, we are also looking at some shade sails and seating. Again, if people are interested in that patch and the Yangtze Avenue playground, please do not hesitate to reach out to my website, terryhealy.com.au, or go to my email or phone my office to let us know what you would like us to build. We are happy to send people the designs and engage with the community as we do that.

We have also announced an extension of the opening hours of Gosnells Police Station. One very popular, well-received thing that we did in the last term was extend the opening hours of Canning Vale Police Station. Most members will know that although a lot of police stations in our area are staffed 24 hours a day in that the police are always driving around on patrol, the police stations themselves are not open 24 hours a day. The police station in Canning Vale used to shut at 4.00 pm. We extended that to 7.00 pm—the walk-in hours on a weekday went from a 4.00 pm to a 7.00 pm close. That was very, very popular for the area. We still have our 24-hour stations in Armadale and Cannington, but when people need a document signed, a statement submitted, to drop off footage about things that they have witnessed, or a variety of different customer desk services, we found it was far easier for the community to access those services if they could go to their local police station.

I presented a petition recently. The community endorsed our position to extend the hours at Gosnells Police Station. Although the government extended the hours at Canning Vale Police Station, we had not extended the hours at Gosnells, but we will now do that and change the closing time from 4.00 to 7.00 pm at the two local police stations in our area, as well as increase police numbers. We will recruit 1 100 new police officers. It will be the largest recruitment in Western Australian history and a fantastic addition. There is always more work to be done, but we think that a good first start is more hours and more police in our area.

I would like to acknowledge the Gosnells Toy Library. I commend the member for Thornlie, Chris Tallentire, who contributed \$10 000 towards the toy library for equipment upgrades and to expand the service it provides. I acknowledge the great work the Gosnells Toy Library has done over the past 45 years in our area. Although it is based in the electorate of the member for Thornlie, it sits on the border of Southern River and services all families in Gosnells. It is a fantastic facility and members have access to toys, games and jigsaws—over 1 000 items. I have been there many times. It is brilliant. I acknowledge two things: first, the unofficial mascot of the Gosnells Toy Library, BunBun, which is a local rabbit. More importantly, I acknowledge that the Gosnells Toy Library was recognised by Toy Libraries Australia as the toy library of the year for 2021 for medium–large toy libraries. Congratulations to the Gosnells Toy Library for that very well earned award.

I mention also the Sikh temple in my community. I was there on the weekend with the Minister for Citizenship and Multicultural Interests for its open day. Although it is located in my electorate, the Sikh temple in my community services numerous electorates. The government is contributing \$40 000 towards rain protection for the Sikh temple. It was a very rainy day on Sunday and it is a pity we have not had a chance to install the protection yet, but we are doing that as fast as we can. At the moment, language classes are conducted in different facilities on the side of the building and unfortunately students and young families get wet when it is raining as they access the services of the temple. The \$40 000 the government has contributed will allow the temple to employ local people to build better rain protection so that more people can use that facility.

The government will also contribute \$25 000 towards the Hindu temple in my electorate. Again, it is a facility that services families from around Perth and Western Australia. Beneath the floor of the temple are a number of heating elements that warm the tiles. Members will be aware that in winter, essentially on cold days as we have right now, it is difficult for those devotees. The government is trying to make it more comfortable for them by contributing towards the replacement of some of the ageing infrastructure. The process will employ local people and build up that shared community structure. I wish the Hindu temple well.

I acknowledge the member for Darling Range and his contribution to the Animal Protection Society of WA in my electorate. I went there recently with the members for Armadale and Darling Range and spoke to the Animal Protection Society about the grant to upgrade its vet facilities. At the moment it is in a bad circle in which it needs to upgrade its facilities so it can attract the right vets and do the right work, which provides the income, but without accessing the veterinary services and, to a degree, the clientele, it cannot raise the capital. The government grant is a circuit-breaker. It is another great example, led by the member for Darling Range, of the McGowan government contributing essential, shared job infrastructure that benefits not only the humans in my electorate, but also the dogs and cats.

It would be remiss of me when talking about past, current and planned projects not to mention the Metronet project. Members will be aware that after many years of broken promises by the previous government, which promised at every election to build a train line and train station—which was never done—we broke ground and commenced work in mid-2019 on the train line project. Two Canning Vale train stations, Nicholson Road and Ranford Road, will connect bus routes and services. Metronet is bigger than I could ever speak about in several days of Parliament, but the Thornlie–Cockburn line is well underway, employing local people on the works and employing local companies to do the works, building the railcars here in Western Australia. The Premier was present when we pushed the button to begin the piling works on the extension and widening of Ranford Road bridge, which is an extension of part of these works. It will change from a four-lane bridge to an eight-lane bridge at Ranford Road. All the local workers are doing great work there. About a week ago the largest tee-roff beams ever built were constructed here in Perth. They are 50-metre beams. Ten of them were placed over the first half of the widening of that bridge. It is a fantastic extension of works. People in my community will start to see the changes soon when the traffic is diverted while we build the other half of the bridge. Members will be aware that we are approaching the end of works. I appreciate the patience of my community with some of those delays. The best-case scenario is that by the end of this year, depending on how much it rains, the bridge will be completed and people will be able to access all those services.

I would like to talk about some of the bus stop upgrades in my community. Members will be aware that I have run some full-on and serious community campaigns over the past several years about upgrading bus stop infrastructure. My area does not have enough bus routes. The government has already added some new bus routes, and more are coming.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr T.J. HEALY: After running a long campaign about the new bus stop infrastructure needed, the government committed \$200 000 to upgrade bus stops in Canning Vale, Huntingdale, Gosnells and Southern River. My view is that an orange pole is great, but what is really needed is a seat and a shelter. For people to be able to access the new bus and train services, rain, hail or shine, we need to upgrade some of that infrastructure. It is my view that the best locations for those bus stop upgrades is on main roads where people can access them. It is also important that when we select which bus stops to upgrade—we will conduct community consultation on that—we should upgrade bus stops that are not outside people's homes on the council verge. Those orange poles have been there for some time, and that is existing infrastructure. From what people have told me, I think the best locations are on the sides of properties, on main roads that do not impact the front areas of people's council verges. I will sit down with families in the area. We have committed funding for at least 10 of those; that is, 10 lots of \$20 000 upgrades.

We are working with the council to upgrade those bus stops on Warton Road, Garden Street and all around the community. If people would like to let me know which bus stops they would like upgraded, they can go to my website, www.terryhealy.com.au, call my office or send me their details with their feedback about where they would like the bus stops to be upgraded. I appreciate all those families signing my petitions and engaging with me to let me know about those things that needed to be done.

I want to talk about some of the government's fantastic education commitments. I will leave the training commitments for another time. I will focus on all the things that have been committed to in schools and education across Western Australia, in the metropolitan area and in the regions. There are significant infrastructure upgrades in every region. There have been fantastic staffing and human resource upgrades and additions to look after all of the families in our areas. I acknowledge the previous term of government in which we returned education assistants to classrooms. As we promised, we got 300 FTE back into classrooms.

There was a TAFE-fee freeze in the previous term of government, which has been committed to again. I cannot emphasise how important that has been. New science laboratories are being built in schools. Members will be aware that at the election we promised additional career counsellors to be spread across high schools throughout Western Australia. In members' electorates and in my electorate additional career counsellors will be placed in schools on a permanent basis who will be able to assist young people with career conversations. As a career teacher myself, I cannot emphasise how important it is for the school to work out whether students are placed in the VET office, the careers office or subject selection. It is worth reaching out to schools now and talking to them about how they will utilise those additional places. When we talk about addressing the skills shortage brought about by the COVID scenario, a number of different booms are going on in the housing, construction and mining sectors. There are a number of skill shortages in a number of different sectors. One of the key issues is to match up young people to careers and get them the skills and training to equip them for life. The career counsellor program we have committed to will be a fantastic addition to schools, as I said, all around Western Australia.

Funding will also be made available for a year 9 taster program. Again, it is available in every single high school. I thank all the Labor MLAs for helping to deliver it. A year 9 taster program will be available for schools to give basically what it says: taste programs. Young people do not know what they do not know. They might want to be a hairdresser, a brickie, a doctor or an engineer—they can take a number of career paths.

Given the way our system often works, sometime in year 10, students have to make a decision about what direction they want to take. We are seeking to make investments so that schools and TAFEs can coordinate a year 9 taster program and make facilities and courses available. There is nothing wrong with a year 9 student finding out through doing these programs that they do not want to be a brickie or an engineer. What they experience and what they "taste" helps them find out what they want to be. I remember that in year 10 I wanted to be a police officer; in year 11, I wanted to be a chef; and in year 12, I decided I wanted to become a teacher. I think the more people access and get across the variety of things, the better. I also ran a program when I was the careers coordinator at Southern River College, called "Speed Careers". We would bring 40 different career people into the big gym; there would be education assistants, brickies, engineers, doctors and teachers—a variety. Whatever students were interested in we would bring the people in. It was sort of like speed dating, as they would have a five-minute session. We would play some music and the students would move around and have a chance to experience the different careers available to them so they could then look at university open days, Skills West Expos and career opportunities and explore them more.

Student wellbeing is a very, very high priority of this government. Members will be aware that we are investing \$42 million in employing 100 additional psychologists in our schools. This will benefit every single member in this chamber. Every single community is crying out for more access to psychologists for our student wellbeing. In government and non-government schools there will be 100 extra school psychologists. Members will be aware that there are currently 250 or so FTE frontline school psychologists, a number of supervising psychologists and lead psychologists. This will be a fantastic program. In addition, another \$21 million will be spent on expanding chaplaincy services to schools that do not necessarily have a chaplaincy service, so we will be expanding those services to be available to our young people.

In the last term of government, we implemented the direct-to-market policy, which members will be aware is a very popular parents and friends associations program. Previously, schools and P&Cs could source their own local builder for projects valued up to \$20 000. We are extending that to \$50 000. With a project that a P&C or a school wanted to do, if they went through the government or contracted provider, too often than not, the price did not match what could be found in local industry; it was often quite escalated. We changed the rules last term to allow parents and citizens associations and schools to reach out for projects up to \$20 000. It was for air conditioning, minor electrical work, furniture or carpentry—some of the small jobs that were easier to fund. From feedback given, some people said that as soon as it ticked over to \$21 000, they had to go to the government provider and it ended up being \$40 000. We will extend the amount to \$50 000. I encourage members when they are talking to their P&Cs to make sure they are aware that we listened in our previous term of government and we have extended the program to apply to up to \$50 000 of works, so they now have a choice. They can still go with the government contracted provider or they can do it a little differently.

Members will be aware that we have also initiated one of the largest STEM building infrastructure programs in schools in Western Australian history. There is \$136 million for primary and secondary schools to build science labs. In the previous term of government, we built 200 new science labs in primary schools. One of my schools, Ashburton Drive Primary School, where I will be tomorrow, benefited from one of these fantastic new science labs. We will now be providing every single school in Western Australia with access to some form of STEM infrastructure grant. We have our first ever state STEM skills strategy. Members will be aware that schools with fewer than 50 students can access a grant of \$5 000, while a school with up to 100 students will get \$10 000. However, the majority of primary schools have more than 100 students and will be able to access \$25 000 to build and reformat a specialist classroom. The department is reaching out now to talk to those schools. If a school does not have room because its enrolments are high and it cannot spare a classroom, we will make available a grant of up to \$40 000 for this. Schools can then choose to purchase the equipment if they cannot create the specialist lab. This funding will be available to the primary schools in every single MLA's electorate, and will lead to these labs being built. They can choose whether to purchase 3D scanners, 3D printers, specialist learning material, microscopes, robotics, dinosaur models or worm farms. These facilities will equip and encourage real infrastructure and real hands-on learning for all the young people in our schools. The schools will choose their equipment, and I encourage all MLAs to liaise with their schools on what will be built. A very, very large number of senior and district high schools are being significantly rebuilt. In terms of STEM facilities, there will be a very high focus on regional and metropolitan high schools equipping their facilities for the future.

In closing, I would like to comment on one of my staffers. When I talk about the past and current planned projects for the last four years, Kelly Pilgrim-Byrne has been in my office and played an incredible role. She has dealt with all my constituent campaigns, all my liaising and all these projects, and I want to thank her for her service. She and her family run multiple businesses; they are photographers and run boarding kennels, and go to dog championships. Also, Kelly's family—her wife, Sam, and their child—have been incredible leaders in our community. As members will know, they were the first couple in Western Australia to be married under the same-sex marriage laws on the steps of this Parliament two or three years ago. I was their celebrant. On the steps of Parliament at midnight they were the first same-sex couple to be married when marriage equality became law here in Western Australia. I thank them for their service and appreciate all they have done for our community.

MRS R.M.J. CLARKE (Murray-Wellington) [11.10 am]: Today I rise to speak to the house about the progress that is already happening in Murray-Wellington under the forty-first government of Western Australia. Can I please start by acknowledging the traditional owners of the land on which we meet, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, and pay my respects to their elders, past and present. I would also like to acknowledge the Bindjareb people of Pinjarra and surrounds as the custodians of the land on which my electorate is situated.

As we headed into National Reconciliation Week, I was proud to present the Harvey community resource centre last week with a Lotterywest grant of \$136 000 to continue its Indigenous language and cultural program. It was also wonderful to have representation from the Philippine community looking at a joint collaboration of cultural interests. I congratulate Tracey-Ann Davis and Lesley Ugle for all the work and effort they have put into that fantastic cultural program.

As we start this new term of government, we have made tremendous strides and are building great momentum across Western Australia, with many more exciting projects to come. I am proud to have been re-elected to represent the people of Murray-Wellington and the communities within, and I am passionate about setting a precedent for what this tremendous community should expect from a local and vocal representative. Our communities are innovative, educated, loyal, hardworking, proud, dedicated and resilient in the face of adversity. The people of Murray-Wellington know what they want from a government. We will work with our communities to ensure that their needs are met into the future. We will ensure that our children have the future they so richly deserve. Providing valuable employment opportunities across a range of fields is vital. We need initiatives that promote and support local jobs, as regional employment creates an industry that will foster local business and community growth.

The McGowan Labor government was re-elected in March 2021 with a strong ambition to continue to deliver much-needed projects and to deliver more across WA. The McGowan government did its research and listened to the communities, and it has started to deliver on each of those election commitments. The McGowan government is committed to Murray-Wellington. I am committed to Murray-Wellington. We have already started contacting the 73 community groups across Murray-Wellington to make good on our promise to invest in these vital community organisations. We are replacing uniforms and sporting equipment, updating walking trails, providing much-needed resources to youth groups, kickstarting community garden projects and even restoring the little old library cabinet in Cookernup. We are upgrading an all-access viewing boardwalk for the beautiful Preston Beach and war memorials across Murray-Wellington. These are just a few of the commitments that are being rolled out over the coming months. These are not large projects that will make the front page of the newspaper, but they will go a long way in the regional communities of Murray-Wellington.

Last week the Premier paid a visit down to the beautiful town of Waroona, smack bang in the middle of Murray-Wellington, to meet with Shire of Waroona president, Mike Walmsley; shire CEO, Dean Unsworth; shire deputy president, Naomi Purcell; and shire councillor Vince Vitale to get an update on the \$1.3 million committed to revitalising the town centre of Waroona.

The precinct, in the heart of Waroona, includes open-grassed areas for community events, a nature play area and playground, an all-ages skate park and pump track, accessible toilets and landscaping. This investment will help return the majestic town of Waroona to its former glory, providing a refreshed town centre for both residents and visitors. This will keep the community strong by connecting local families and help keep locals active and healthy. The shire informs me that work will be underway by the end of the year.

It was a very busy week last week. Not only did the Premier grace us with his presence in Murray–Wellington, but also Hon Alannah MacTiernan came to the region to turn the sod at the new Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct at Peel Business Park in Nambeelup. Work is underway on the Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct, the state's centre of excellence for research and development and the commercialisation of new agritech and value-added food. The \$21.7 million precinct, located within Peel Business Park in Nambeelup, will be an open-access facility comprising R&D capabilities, an innovation centre and a production warehouse. It is intended to be a centre of excellence to enable commercial research and development, to prototype and market-test food and beverage products, and a place for networking for WA food producers. The McGowan government has committed \$10 million to develop the Peel food technology facility within the precinct, a 600 square metre manufacturing space to allow producers to develop and test new value-added food products, and \$2.5 million towards a \$3.85 million enterprise support program, in partnership with the Shire of Murray, to help activate the precinct. Through the enterprise support program, grants will be available to businesses to support access to innovation opportunities, leading-edge research capabilities, incubation space and technologies through the WA Food Innovation Precinct.

Other key tenants at the precinct include Murdoch University, which will run the research and development facility and deliver a food science and nutrition Bachelor of Science degree; GrowHub, which has signed a lease to operate the precinct's innovation centre as a one-stop shop for agribusinesses and entrepreneurs featuring co-working space, consulting services and industry support; and Spinifex Brewing, which will run the precinct's warehousing facility and establish a brewery at the precinct. May I add that the Bushfire Centre of Excellence next door is very happy about Spinifex Brewery moving in next door! The Western Australian Food Innovation Precinct is supported by funding from the Australian government's regional growth fund. On the subject of Peel Business Park, expressions of interest are now open for stage 2 of the park in Nambeelup. The first 120 hectares of the 1 000-hectare park has already been developed, with all lots sold. Stage 1 is now complete following the investment of more than \$20 million in major infrastructure extension works. Once operational, the occupants of stage 1 will be expected to deliver more than 250 ongoing jobs and contribute \$73 million to the local economy each year.

The next stage will follow a series of significant milestones achieved at Peel Business Park over the past six months, including the opening of the Department of Fire and Emergency Services' \$18 million purpose-built Bushfire Centre of Excellence, which is currently running. The Bushfire Centre of Excellence, in an Australian first, provides a location for learning based on the best academic, scientific and traditional Aboriginal land management practices. Also part of stage 1 at the park is Australia's first renewable energy industrial microgrid, delivered by local company Peel Renewable Energy. That is expected to save businesses at Peel Business Park up to 30 per cent in electricity costs compared with regulated tariffs.

On Monday, the Minister for Emergency Services, Hon Reece Whitby, came to Murray–Wellington to check out the state-of-the-art Bushfire Centre of Excellence and to meet many of the wonderful volunteers and paid emergency services workers from across Murray–Wellington. While visiting, the minister also put on his Minister for Racing and Gaming hat and spent some time at Pinjarra Paceway. The need for light towers to enhance the facility and enable it to open up as a multipurpose entertainment venue was raised with the minister. Pinjarra Harness Racing Club is the largest harness racing club outside the Perth metro area and is a feature on the national racing schedule.

We drove down South Western Highway to visit the wonderful and dedicated volunteers at the Waroona Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service. We discussed the need for expansion to accommodate the growing number of volunteers, particularly women. In Murray–Wellington there are 23 volunteer and full-time emergency service groups. Murray–Wellington has a dedicated and loyal volunteer group, from the emergency services groups to our sporting groups. Last week was National Volunteer Week and I attended some events across the electorate to commemorate and thank our tireless volunteers who volunteer in all fields. The state government recognised 166 of these Western Australians for their longstanding commitment to volunteering at the WA Volunteer Service Awards. I am proud to say that four of those volunteers come from the amazing electorate of Murray–Wellington. I thank Ana and Jack De Gooijer, volunteers at the St Vincent de Paul Society of Western Australia; Bruce Warren from Pinjarra for his work at the Mandurah Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service; and my friend and ex-Mayor of Kwinana David Nelson for his long-term volunteering at the Lions Club of Kwinana.

Murray–Wellington is a hive of tourism activity. Locals and people from all over the state come to Murray–Wellington to indulge in the beautiful settings and surroundings it has to offer, from the pristine beaches of Preston Beach, Binningup and Myalup to the beautiful forest of Dwellingup. Natural lakes, rivers and forests complement the man-made dams of Waroona, Logue Brook and Harvey that are enjoyed by locals and tourists alike. The McGowan government is committed to the tourism industry. It recognises the beauty of Murray–Wellington and its potential to be one of the best tourist destinations in Western Australia. That recognition and potential already speaks for itself,

as one of the towns in Murray–Wellington was recently awarded the title of Western Australia’s Top Small Tourism Town in the GWN7 Top Tourism Town Awards. This is no accident. This achievement has been a culmination of years of successful collaboration between committed locals and a state government proud to showcase the remarkable beauty of the land and its locals. The McGowan government has committed to help the tourism industry in Dwellingup by backing the Dwellingup 100, one of the biggest mountain bike riding events in Australia. We have also delivered \$150 000 to complete a state-of-the-art technology fit-out of the Dwellingup Trails and Visitors Centre, making it a state and potentially nationally acclaimed iconic trails and tourism centre that promotes Dwellingup and the great Shire of Murray and the Peel region. We have committed millions to the trails to ensure that they are of an international standard to attract the best of the best at top international and national levels. These are just some of the projects that the state government has delivered alongside the Shire of Murray and the federal government. Dwellingup’s transformation was initiated by the town’s residents several years ago. A few years ago, Dwellingup was a hidden treasure, but, in recent years, scenic day-trip locations like Lane Poole Reserve, South Dandalup Dam and its amazing mountain bike trail have seen it become incredibly popular.

I stand with the community as a whole and call on the federal and state governments to ensure that this pristine, idyllic and culturally significant region stays this way, without the threat of potential mining throughout the surrounds of Dwellingup, which would prevent the trails from passing through these areas and risk the protection of the integrity of these renowned forests. It is a place where nature, adventure and culture combine for a truly unique destination, with a little bit of everything that makes it so special.

I would like to make a special mention of the Shire of Murray’s CEO, Dean Unsworth, and president, David Bolt, for listening to the locals, in particular the Dwellingup Community Compact, and raising the vision they had for Dwellingup so that the state government could help. Thank you to all those who voted. The public vote made up 70 per cent of the town’s score, with the other 30 per cent decided by a panel of industry judges. Dwellingup will now go into the national competition for the chance to win the title of Australia’s top small tourist town. Go Dwellingup!

I have a timely reminder: next weekend is the WA Day long weekend, so if members have no plans, go and check out Dwellingup or one of the other amazing towns in Murray–Wellington. Our annual Pinjarra Festival will be held around the beautiful Edenvale heritage precinct. Up the road, St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School will be holding its fair, and, next door, Pinjarra Senior High School will be holding its significant centenary celebrations. The weekend will culminate in a great celebration of history, local produce, crafts and community coming together to celebrate Pinjarra. People will not be disappointed!

I will now move to Leschenault at the other end of the electorate and give a huge shout-out to the Leschenault Cricket Club. During the week, club president, Angelo D’Agostino, emailed my office to notify me that the club had been awarded Cricket Australia’s Country Cricket Club of the Year for 2020–21. The club was nominated for the award when it won the WACA’s Country Cricket Club of the Year. The criteria on which the club was judged was a community cricket club that actively created a welcoming environment and sought to create sustainable participation and growth through good governance, volunteer support and inclusive on-field programs. Angelo informs me that some time ago when he took on the role, a senior member of Western Australian cricket told him to take time to develop the club’s own culture. He thinks he can safely say that they have done that, and now they have been recognised for that. I agree with Angelo.

How good is Murray–Wellington? We have the best tourist town in WA, the best community cricket club, Australia’s best meat pie and WA’s favourite fish and chip shop, just to name a few things! I think I can say it is the best electorate in the state.

The Leschenault Cricket Club shares facilities with five other sporting clubs to form the Leschenault Sporting Association. Last year, I met with Angelo and the executive team to discuss how the McGowan government can assist the club and the association to progress. We will be delivering \$100 000 towards a new drop-in cricket pitch at the sporting grounds, which will start a chain reaction of events for the association, meaning that the facilities can be used all year round. This will increase its revenue and will mean that it can expand and ultimately increase sporting participation for the Australind–Leschenault area.

[Member’s time extended.]

Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE: The installation of the drop-in pitch will also hopefully lure the Perth Scorchers women’s team to play exhibition matches.

Just a big six hit away is the Leschenault Leisure Centre, which hosts the Australind Swimming Club and the Australind Basketball Association, also a part of the Leschenault Sporting Association. Work on the expansion of the centre should commence within this term of government. Before the election, the McGowan government committed to invest \$3 million to expand the Leschenault Leisure Centre to include two additional courts, associated spectator seating, storage, administration and an upgrade to the amenities.

I also want to give a shout-out to the Binningup Surf Life Saving Club for its recent nomination for the 2021 Surf Life Saving WA Awards. It is a great club in the beautiful community of Binningup. We have also committed some funds to the club to help buy new and upgraded equipment.

These are just some of the highlights so far from the last two months. I look forward to speaking on behalf of the McGowan government and proudly bragging about the achievements it will deliver for Murray–Wellington, and what the people and communities of Murray–Wellington will achieve themselves. We have great communities in our regions and I am always honoured to let the rest of the state know what is happening in our beautiful patch of the state.

Lastly, I would like to send my best wishes to the people of Victoria. Our thoughts are with them. They have been through this before and shown the rest of the country their resilience and strength throughout the pandemic. They will get through this and we will be right here thinking of them.

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [11.28 am]: It gives me pleasure to stand and speak in support of the Supply Bill 2021. I have not had the opportunity thus far to congratulate the member for Midland on becoming the first female Speaker of the house. It is a very well deserved position. She has been a trailblazer within the Labor Party for many years and being the first female to take on this role is the right thing to have occurred. The member for Midland will do a fabulous job.

I also congratulate all the new members in the house. We ended up with 53 seats out of 59, which is an outstanding result, and once again reflects the great work that was done by all the members of the McGowan team during the campaign. What is even more impressive is that we now have 26 female members out of that 53. We are very close to exceeding the 50 per cent Labor Party target for female representation, which is great. Of course, one of the consequences is that the Liberal Party beat us to 50 per cent, which is something it has never been able to do before!

On a personal note, something that is quite special to me is that this chamber now has three members from Harvey, or very close to Harvey, that being the member for Collie–Preston, the member for Dawesville and me. That is a great personal connection.

Ms S.F. McGurk: They are great members.

Mr S.J. PRICE: Yes, absolutely. I worked with the member for Collie–Preston’s dad, Colin, for many years at Wagerup. As everyone knows, I have a background in the union movement. When I started at Wagerup in 1995, Colin was one of the first people who came and put his arm around me. I had had a small involvement in the union previously when I was working fly-in fly-out, but it was through the encouragement of Colin and other people at Wagerup that I became involved in the union, which led to me eventually becoming secretary of the union. I also know the member for Collie–Preston’s mum, Julie. Brad was there for a while as well. They are a lovely family. I was quite saddened to hear that the member for Collie–Preston’s dad had passed away when that happened.

The member for Dawesville’s family and my family are very close friends in Harvey. As the member mentioned, Harvey is a very close community. There is a lot of community involvement, especially through the Apex Club, in which our families are heavily involved. We went to school together for a while and things like that. It is great to see that Harvey is well represented in this chamber. It is a lovely regional town, not too far from the city. It is a wonderful place to live in.

I also wish all those members who were not returned all the best in whatever endeavours they get up to. This is an interesting place. The opposition is normally on the other side, but it is now tucked into a corner. This place is quite adversarial at times, but we walk out of here and we have a chat to people, so we do develop some sort of relationship with them. As we all know, the role of a member of Parliament is quite brutal. It can finish quite suddenly on election day if we are unsuccessful. Some people might have some inkling that they will not be re-elected, but for others it might come as a complete shock. For a number of people who lost their seats at the last election, it came as a complete shock. I wish them well in whatever they decide to do into the future.

I also need to thank my campaign team, Matt Keogh, the federal member for Burt, and Natalie Machin, Peter Brisbane and Tegan Burke. Without you lot keeping me under control and directing me on what I should be doing, we certainly would not have achieved the great outcome that we did. A big part of that—everyone gives the same thanks to their campaign team—was the discipline that was shown across the whole team and the great direction that was given from campaign central, and also, of course, the great leadership that was shown by the Premier. He worked tirelessly throughout the whole campaign. It is hard enough to keep up with him when he is in our electorate, let alone what he would have had to go through in the election campaign. Collectively, everyone worked together. We had very few issues. It was a great outcome and a really good learning curve for us all going forward.

I would also like to thank all the volunteers who helped during the campaign. As we all know, without the volunteers who help us in our campaigns, we would certainly struggle to achieve anything. They do it for a number of reasons. Whatever motivates them—whether it is a connection to and a love for the party, a personal relationship with a member that they have developed over time or they are friends and family who have been coerced into doing things—if we had not had the volunteers doing a lot of the legwork on the ground, none of us would have been able to achieve what we have achieved.

In line with that, election campaigns are quite expensive. I would certainly like to thank everyone who donated to my campaign. Without your support, once again we would not have been able to do what we have done and achieve the outcome that we have achieved.

As I mentioned, I have a background in the union movement. I would like to thank a number of unions for the support they have given me over the years and also through the campaign—the Australian Workers’ Union, both Brad Gandy, the WA state secretary, and Daniel Walton, the national secretary based in New South Wales; the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association, Peter O’Keeffe and Ben Harris, thanks, guys; and the Transport Workers’ Union, “Smoky” Tim Dawson, thank you for all your help. Thank you to all the branch and party members who helped out as well. As members know, the Labor Party has a very active branch membership right across the state. They all contributed to our great success at the last election campaign and without their help, through the good times and the bad, we would not have been able to achieve what we achieved.

I am no Robinson Crusoe, but I was also very fortunate to have a lot of community support from people—as I am sure a lot of other members did as well—who were not part of the party and were not coerced into it, but were just genuine people whom we had developed relationships with throughout the previous four years and who wanted to help. It makes a huge difference when we have that personal connection and local endorsement from people within our community.

We have to pick the highlights and the things that we can remember from election day, because it is a bit of a buzz, but one of the things I really liked to see was the red faction marquees that were at a number of the schools above the democracy sausage sizzle. One in particular had “Go Red” on it. That was really good. Thank you to all those people for their support as well.

I certainly need to thank my family. They put up with a lot. New members will certainly understand what that means as time goes on. Without the support of our family, it is very difficult to do what we do. To Mel, and Abbey, Erin, Rani and Tia, thank you.

Finally, to the constituents of Forrestfield, normally we bank on 50–50—half the people like you and half the people do not. We got a lot of extra support at this election. To everyone, whether you voted for me or not, thank you. I appreciate you taking part in the democratic process.

As the re-elected member for Forrestfield, I am now the first person to hold the seat for more than one term. It was the fourth election in that seat. At the previous three elections, the seat changed hands. Back in 2008 when the seat was first created, it was won for Labor by Andrew Waddell on a margin of 0.25 per cent, or about 98 votes. Unfortunately, in 2013, we lost the seat to the Liberals by about 900 votes. The seat was sitting on a margin of 2.1 per cent. In 2017, we were fortunate. I won the seat back for Labor on a margin of about 4 000 votes, so we were sitting on 59.5 per cent of the two-party preferred vote. In 2021, we were able to retain the seat, which is a great outcome, and we are now sitting on a 75.5 per cent two-party preferred vote, which is an amazing outcome. Once again, it is the result of a whole heap of other influencing factors, apart from just me. When we look at some of the results, we can see that Forrestfield, for example, went from a seat with a 98-vote margin in 2008 to a margin of about 12 000 votes at the moment. As they say, with that comes a lot of responsibility.

Support from the community does not happen by itself. It is a result of the work that has been done both by me, personally, locally, and also by the government across the state. In particular, we faced—and still face—the challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic in the community. The way that has been managed has had an extremely positive impact on the state and everyone within it. What we were able to achieve in our first term of government was extraordinary, especially considering what we inherited from the previous government. We were able to turn around the finances of this state and improve what was in the books because of the absolutely incredible effort of the former Treasurer, Hon Ben Wyatt, and the hard work everyone put in. In 2017, we had what we thought was a high watermark result when we ended up with 40 members in here—41 to start with. A lot of new members had won their seats by very small margins. They went out there and worked and worked and were able to benefit from that at the last election. They now have a buffer behind them. Their results were very well deserved. We did what we said we were going to do. It is easy to talk the talk, but if we do not walk the walk, the punters know that; they know when they are hearing hollow words.

We were able to deliver on all our 2017 election commitments. When we won in 2017, we brought new life and new investment to our local communities, whether it was Forrestfield or any other electorate. We put money into places that had not had funding before and that was very well received. We did not fund things just willy-nilly; we funded things that the community had been wanting and looking for support for over the years and had not been able to get that from the previous government. The fact that we were able to deliver on all our promises and election commitments was certainly a very telling factor in the support that we got from the community.

The challenge we face, of course, is to make sure that we do it now. We are very fortunate that due to the good financial management during the previous term of government we have been able to make election commitments that can be honoured and delivered. Think about the types of commitments the government has made right across the state of Western Australia—things that local communities have been asking for. In Forrestfield, in particular, we were able to get funding for a large number of election commitments. When talking about local communities, I refer to the key elements that make up the foundations of a community—that is, local schools and sporting and community groups. They are key to any successful community. It is said that if we give local kids a good education, it is a social barrier breaker. It enables kids to go on and do things that their parents may not have been able to do.

Local sporting and community groups give kids, young adults and adults a sense of connection with the community and this means that they are more likely to become involved and stay around and less likely to vandalise stuff and make silly decisions that impact on them for the rest of their lives. It is really important that we have the best possible educational opportunities at our local schools and the best possible sporting facilities in our local clubs, and that we support our local community groups, because then we can attract people and keep them engaged. The government made a number of commitments in Forrestfield in the 2021 election campaign that will do exactly that. The government committed \$2 million to redevelop the facilities at Scott Reserve in High Wycombe, which is a multi-user facility shared by the High Wycombe Junior Football Club, the High Wycombe Amateur Football Club and the High Wycombe Cricket Club. That funding will help to build new female change rooms. There has been an explosion in female participation in what previously have been predominantly male sports, whether that is football as in Aussie Rules football, or football as in the round ball soccer football. Historically, all club facilities were built for males and are not suitable for mixed use. The funding commitment to Scott Reserve will enable those clubs to build new change rooms and multi-sex facilities, new club rooms and a new common space to operate out of as well.

The government also committed \$2.4 million to Maida Vale Recreation Reserve. That is another multi-user facility shared between Kalamunda United Football Club and the Kalamunda Rangers tee-ball, softball and baseball club as well as the Western Australian Christian Football League, which is a very large soccer league played in Maida Vale. Once again, the government's commitment will enable new club rooms, new change rooms and new facilities suitable for multi-sex participants to be built, which is great.

The government also made an interesting commitment for an all-abilities playground in Forrestfield. There is no all-abilities playground in the area. The City of Gosnells put in a number recently after receiving some cash in lieu of expenditure from the Minister for Transport—the Minister for Lands at the time. When the government was approached on this matter, I also got a letter from a student saying that there were no playgrounds suitable for his disabled sister in the area. A number of constituents within the foothills area are living with disability, so a facility like this locally will greatly improve their quality of life. I am looking forward to this playground being built, which has led to a rethink about its design and where to put it around the Forrestfield Shopping Centre.

Madam Acting Speaker, can I have an extension please? I cannot ask for a small extension because I can get only 10 minutes.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr S.J. PRICE: The all-abilities playground has fostered thoughts on how to redevelop the whole area. That will be an integral part of the new design, which will be great.

I now turn to education. In the 2017 election, we committed \$10 million to replace the design and technology and food science buildings at Darling Range Sports College. To be honest, the equipment at that school was the stuff that I used when I did woodwork and metalwork at Harvey Senior High School. It was pretty outdated and not suitable for training our next generation of tradies. The end result from that 2017 investment is absolutely amazing. The new facilities are first class and the students will have such great opportunities to develop the appropriate skills and do the right certificates.

In the 2021 election, we committed another \$12 million to do another stage of development at the school. It will change the school forever. It became a sports college back in 2006, I think. The now Premier was the education minister in 2008 and he approved the renaming of the school from Forrestfield Senior High School to Darling Range Sports College. It is the only designated sports college in Western Australia, and its sports program is absolutely amazing. We made a significant number of investment commitments to all local schools. For example, Edney Primary School got \$1.5 million to do some upgrades and replace some of its equipment, which was well overdue.

Prior to the election, the Labor Party made a round of stimulus announcements. High Wycombe Primary School received \$3 million, I think, to build some new early childhood rooms at the school. Maida Vale Primary School got \$900 000 to build a new outdoor undercover area. During the election campaign, all schools were able to get some funding for improvements that they required. It is really going to make a significant improvement to them.

A number of other things are going on within the area. Of course, one of the biggest things is the Forrestfield–Airport Link project. We have the terminus station, which was referred to as Forrestfield, hence Forrestfield–Airport Link, but it has now been renamed High Wycombe station. That is an amazing piece of infrastructure. The station itself looks brilliant. The unfortunate part is that when the Labor Party won government in 2017, the previous government had not really considered the design at all. It had an expansive car park right out the front where the station is. That car park was going to have 1 800 bays—a massive area of nothing. The minister looked at it and the proposal was put to build a multi-deck car park into the side and develop the front of the station into a transit-oriented development, which is the way we went. The car park has been built.

The other problem with the way it was set up initially, which was commenced by the previous government, is all the tunnelling infrastructure actually sat right out the front of the station. Because that was to be the car park, it was the last thing that needed to be done. Now that we want to develop the land, all the infrastructure from the tunnel build and everything is still taking up the land that we want to develop. We need to move that on. I need to

acknowledge that the land surrounding that area is a little bit tricky because the local structure plan has put some limitations on land use. A process is being worked through with local landowners. They were certainly put in a tricky position when the announcement was made that the station was going to go there because they had already been informed that there would be a different sort of zoning. That zoning was changed on them without any warning. That is quite difficult.

We have just about finished the Roe Highway–Kalamunda Road intersection. It is a grade-separated intersection and bridge. The Labor Party committed \$86 million to that at the 2017 election. That is a massive piece of infrastructure. It will certainly help the traffic congestion and provide safe travel within the area.

One of the issues at the last election was, of course, the upgraded Hale Road–Tonkin Highway intersection. Back in the 1950s—I think it was the Stephenson report, something like that—that intersection was designed to be a pure flyover, with no access to Tonkin Highway from Hale Road. At the moment it is a signalised intersection, by which motorists access Tonkin Highway north and south from both Forrestfield and Wattle Grove. Going forward, after some consultation with the minister and Main Roads WA, we were able to secure north-facing ramps. At the last election, the opposition said it would give full access. Full access is not possible within the footprint available. We were able to explain that to most people. Most people understood that there were limitations. There are alternative ways to head south, if needed. Eighty per cent of traffic flow heads north, or returns from the north, so they will still be able to do that in the future.

In my last couple of minutes, I want to touch on one of my other little passions, that being rescued greyhounds. I have spoken about it in here before. I have two rescued greyhounds. I am not a big fan of greyhound racing. In particular, one of my little puppy dogs is extremely special. It was rescued from the Canidrome in Macau. When a greyhound is adopted, it is called a gotcha day. We have a two-year gotcha day coming up. I want to thank Greyhound Adoptions WA for the work that it does. Free the Hounds is another group that works with rescued greyhounds and advocates to end greyhound racing in WA. It is a sad indictment that Australia has over half the total number of greyhound tracks in the world. The rest of the world has seen the light and is starting to shut down greyhound racing because of its abhorrence. We have not quite got it yet.

I will read an extract from Free the Hounds about the Macau greyhounds. It states —

On Friday 7th June 2019, Greyhound Adoptions WA volunteers collected 5 Macau greyhounds from the quarantine facility in Melbourne and flew them to Perth where they went straight into their forever homes ...

The 5 dogs had flown from Macau 10 days prior where they had been in foster care for 2 months after finally being rescued by Anima—Society for the Protection of Animals in Macau from the infamous Macau Canidrome. The track closed several months before their rescue as a result of a 7 year campaign led by ANIMA, Pet levrieri & GREY2K USA to shut down ...

The 5 dogs were exported to the horrific facility from Australia, 2 of them were unauthorised exports, exported after the passport ban to Macau. These dogs were 5 of 20,000 Australian greyhounds exported to the Canidrome, only around 500 Australian greyhounds made it out alive. The Macau greyhounds lived only to race, and dogs failing to place 1st, 2nd or 3rd in 5 consecutive races were killed.

The dogs lived in dark, damp, barren concrete kennels with inadequate bedding, some slept on the concrete floor whilst others had a wooden or basic hessian style bed. The kennels were covered in scratch marks ... The dogs spent majority of their time in kennels. Illnesses and injuries were left untreated and many dogs suffered terribly. Every single dog at this facility was neglected and in poor health.

Majority of the 532 dogs that were rescued went to the US, UK and Europe, some were rehomed locally, and 21 came home to Australia.

Of the 21 dogs, five came to Perth. I was fortunate enough to get one of those.

The second gotcha day for the Macau greyhounds is on 6 June at Tomato Lake in Kewdale. If members are available, I would certainly encourage them to come along. There will be more than just the five Macau dogs there; there will be quite a number of rescued greyhounds. I encourage members to get to know the greyhounds and grow that support for them as time goes on.

Once again, I would like to thank everyone who helped throughout the 2021 election campaign. I wish all new members the best in their first term here. As the Premier said previously, it will be over before you know it. Please carry on doing the great work that you started off doing and you will certainly get the benefit at the next election. With that, I commend the bill to the house.

MRS J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI (Kingsley — Parliamentary Secretary) [11.58 am]: I would like to make a small contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. I have only two minutes. I thank the Premier for all his work throughout the election campaign. Having done numerous campaigns over the years, I know that they can be incredibly tiring and exhausting. I certainly suffered from that throughout the campaign, but it was the times when the Premier came up to our electorate or to a neighbouring electorate that really invigorated the campaign. It invigorated the volunteers in the campaign and it certainly helped my energy levels. I want to thank the Premier,

who did an incredible job throughout the campaign, and congratulate him on a very well won campaign. I know there were a lot of people who were very happy to vote for Labor, some of them for the very first time. In part, it is thanks to all the good work that the Premier and the team have done over the last 12 to 18 months during the COVID-19 pandemic. Equally, I know from all the doors I knocked on and the phone calls I made that what the people of Western Australia could see was a vision that our Premier and ministerial team have for Western Australia—the fact that we need to re-establish manufacturing here in Western Australia, ensure Western Australian jobs and ensure that students who are leaving high school or people who would like to reskill have access to TAFE or can go back to TAFE and get the skills for the jobs that we will need into the future. I know that the people of Western Australia certainly bought into this vision that the Premier, the Deputy Premier and the ministerial team articulated and that we promoted within our electorates because they understood that we had done the hard yards in the last four years in delivering what we said we were going to last time and that we would do the same thing going forward over the next four years. For my part, I just wanted to get up, thank the Premier and say: Congratulations; you have done an amazing job. I am humbled and proud to still be part of your team—so thank you very much, Premier.

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer) [12.01 pm] — in reply: I thank all members for their contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021. There is nothing unusual about this bill. This is often standard practice, particularly in a year in which an election is held, and I appreciate the support of the house.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

[Leave granted to proceed forthwith to third reading.]

The ACTING SPEAKER (Ms M.M. Quirk): Member for Roe.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Thank you. The Leader of the Opposition is momentarily elsewhere, so if there is an opportunity, I might ask whether she may be able to come forward shortly.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Keep talking, then.

Ms J.J. Shaw: I just walked past her.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member, you might be able to contribute in the meantime.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Certainly, if I can, Madam Acting Speaker —

The ACTING SPEAKER: Leave was granted to move forthwith to the third reading. Premier, you need to move it. I apologise.

Third Reading

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer) [12.03 pm]: I move —

That the bill be now read a third time.

The ACTING SPEAKER: The question is that the bill now be read a third time. Sorry, everyone.

MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe) [12.03 pm]: Thank you, Acting Speaker. If I may make a couple of comments.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Member, are you going to say something while we wait for the Leader of the Opposition to come in, because we are now on the third reading?

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Yes. If I may, Acting Speaker, the opposition certainly supports the Supply Bill 2021, as pointed out by the Leader of the Opposition. I think she made some comments about the concerns she had about royalties for regions. We have certainly shown concern about that program in the past and the way that we have had cost shifting, I guess. That was the emphasis that the Leader of the Opposition spoke about. We have made a calculation of \$2.7 billion over the last four years. As far as I am concerned, that program cost shifting is quite concerning. When we look at the \$1 billion a year that the former Liberal–National government had sitting there working well for things such as the Pilbara Cities program, an area from which over 70 per cent of our state revenue is generated, I think this issue probably concerns the opposition more than anything. Regional Western Australia generates 70 to 80 per cent of the state's revenue, yet we have seen cost shifting and substitution of the royalties for regions program take place. That is a real concern to me, and I know that the Leader of the Opposition expressed that in her second reading contribution. I think we will certainly be looking for the government to straighten that out.

Obviously, another concern we have is the electoral reform that is coming up, which will potentially redistribute a lot of regional members in the Legislative Council. We will continue to express our concerns about that and it is certainly another issue that the Leader of the Opposition brought up in her second reading contribution.

If I may, I will close on that and hand across to the Leader of the Opposition to make her comments.

The ACTING SPEAKER: After I have given her the call—Leader of the Opposition, thank you.

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the Opposition) [12.06 pm]: Thank you, Acting Speaker. Thank you, member for Roe. Just to tidy up the comments from the opposition's perspective, obviously, we support the progress of this bill. We would never seek to block supply. That does not mean that we necessarily agree with the government's priorities, and I think we made that clear during the second reading debate. We outlined very clearly the challenges we see going forward and where we would expect government to apply that funding in the interim as we move towards a budget. Those challenges include the health system, on which we have canvassed significantly over the last couple of weeks in Parliament, obviously; emerging issues around housing; those skill shortages that we are seeing that are impacting businesses across the state; the failure to diversify our state's economy and to work towards a plan that means that we are less reliant on the powerhouse of the nation—our mining sector—so that we can ride through the peaks and troughs that inevitably come from having such strong reliance on that sector; and the issues that we understand are coming to the fore in and around our child protection agency, the shortages we are seeing in that department and the impact that is having on families and the most vulnerable in our communities. We have also raised issues around the machinery of government and the impact that is having on our departments and their ability to provide key and strategic advice for this government to act on.

We still see this government come into this house and blame the previous government. We still see ministers and the Premier alike come in here and point to things that occurred nearly five years ago now. After four years in government, with GST flowing into the state as a result of the deal that the commonwealth government has struck and record royalty rates, although there have been some challenging headwinds for this state to face—no-one would not acknowledge that the Premier and his government have steered us through a response to COVID-19—I would say that there now needs to be a long-term plan to ensure that the funds that we are approving for use are put where they are most urgently needed. I understand that there are some infrastructure projects. It is a little like what we talked about during the debate on the Treasurer's Advance Authorisation Bill 2021; election priorities have been included in this financial year. I urge the Treasurer to make sure that these funds go towards fixing our health system, which is clearly in crisis, and some of the other issues we have canvassed during the second reading debate in this house over the past three weeks.

MR M. McGOWAN (Rockingham — Treasurer) [12.11 pm] — in reply: I thank members for their support of the Supply Bill 2021. The bill is standard practice, especially when the budget is delayed. The budget will not be delivered until the latter part of this year; therefore, a supply bill is necessary to ensure that the government can continue to meet its obligations; in particular, paying our workforce. This is a necessary budgetary measure in this environment. The Supply Bill is based on 50 per cent of the appropriations approved by the Parliament for the 2020–21 financial year and gives flexibility to the government in meeting its obligations.

Specific issues were raised by members. Just so members are aware, the government has \$4.2 billion in royalties for regions funding over four years to 2023–24, but that is only a small part of what we spend in regional Western Australia. We have committed a record \$7.9 billion investment in regional WA, of which less than nine per cent is funding from RforR; that is capital. On top of that are multiple things across regional WA. There has never been as much money spent on health, education and other services in regional WA. Indeed, our recovery plan included \$900 million across regional WA on a range of initiatives to ensure that people remained employed during the depths of the despair that we endured last year. Royalties for regions continues. We are funding regional Western Australia better than ever before. That is the record of this government. I would like to thank members for their support.

Question put and passed.

Bill read a third time and transmitted to the Council.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Motion

Resumed from 13 May on the following motion moved by Ms L. Dalton —

That the following Address-in-Reply to His Excellency's speech be agreed to —

To His Excellency the Honourable Kim Beazley, AC, Governor of the State of Western Australia.

May it please Your Excellency —

We, the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of the State of Western Australia in Parliament assembled, beg to express loyalty to our Most Gracious Sovereign, and to thank Your Excellency for the speech you have been pleased to address to Parliament.

MR P.C. TINLEY (Willagee) [12.12 pm]: It is a great pleasure to speak in the Address-in-Reply at the request of the Leader of the House. It is always good that experienced members of this place should, without notice, rise to their feet and speak in a general debate about any matter that is of interest to them, particularly around our electorates. I pick up where I left off yesterday in my contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill 2021, around the agenda that individual members of this place ought to have as they develop through their experiences here.

Some bring that agenda with them; some develop that agenda once they are here. Mostly, it is a combination of both those things. Members have a preconceived set of ambitions before they arrive in this place. Some of those are somewhat dashed. Others are emboldened and enhanced as we learn more from both our colleagues and the experience of being here and focusing all day, every day on the role of being a local member. We find ourselves contributors to the wider narrative of this place, on areas we are either required to look into by the responsibilities given to us through committees or the electorate—the people who come and see us—or through our own experiences in life.

The seat of Willagee has been in my care in an electoral sense since 2009. It has been a great journey for that community and, of course, for me personally. We have seen the boundary change several times. Most members have felt the effects over that period—certainly over the past 10 years—as significant boundary changes have seen a variation in the margins for each of those seats, to a greater or lesser degree. At various times, Willagee has included the whole of Kardinya and parts of Murdoch, Melville, Spearwood and Hilton, as its boundaries have moved and shifted around the major arterial roads. However, inside that community, edged by the ribbons of bitumen that form the seat of Willagee, a great story is going on—that is, the contribution that individuals in our community are making. We will not read about them in *The West Australian* or hear about them too broadly or too widely. It is up to us to make sure that we, as individual members, champion their cause and, in equal measure, acknowledge and celebrate the contribution of those people.

I would like to identify a couple of those in the heart of my electorate, in the suburb of Coolbellup, a 70 or 80-year-old suburb. It is quite an oasis. It is designed in very much the old style of a grid with large verges, big parks and now very mature trees. It is a lovely garden suburb. However, it also had in its day a significant low socio-economic grouping that caused a great deal of challenges for the community, but also a great number of opportunities. The concentration of that low socio-economic grouping allowed us to concentrate our efforts on supporting them. A significant proportion of the suburb was, and still is today, covered by social housing, and that has evolved as the building stock has changed over time. The people who support the community in Coolbellup are a unique group. There was something of a change in that suburb as people migrated to it because of its value.

[Quorum formed.]

Mr P.C. TINLEY: I will continue my comments.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Members, can you be a bit careful not to walk in front of the speaker. You can do so now since I have said so. Thank you.

Mr P.C. TINLEY: It blurs my vision! The suburb of Coolbellup is a tremendous addition and has long been in the seat of Willagee. To reiterate, it is a lovely old garden suburb that has had its fair share of challenges and a reputation, but that reputation has changed markedly as the demographic has changed. Right across the seat, but certainly in Coolbellup, in the four years since the last election in 2017 there has been about a 25 per cent turnover. About a quarter of that suburb has changed over. Going back to two terms ago, that would be easily half the suburb as well again, on my rough estimation. In the demographic change, young families have sought the value that comes from the housing stock in that enjoyable garden suburb. Some challenges in education were identified, as these young families seek an education for their children. This has happened through the good efforts of activist mums, if I can use that term, who were not satisfied with the local school not servicing their needs and their family's needs.

Of course, the Coolbellup Community School is the amalgamation of two older schools in the suburb. They were amalgamated under previous minister Alan Carpenter, but for some reason the reputation of Coolbellup did not translate despite building a new school. A lot of young families found themselves moving across into the neighbouring suburb of Samson, which had a school with a great reputation and still does today. The younger cohort that moved into the electorate and into the suburb championed the local school and wanted to find out what was wrong with it, given it was not getting the enrolments that surrounding suburbs led us to believe it should. The kindergarten class, for example, was only ever half subscribed. There was no particular reason for it other than reputation, so they started the Cooby Now group, as it is called, which is a residents' association. Under the guidance of people such as Katie Atwell, Pip Brennan and Jane Burnett, who got in behind and joined the P&C, the reputation of that school has been supported and lifted to now equal any of the surrounding schools. It is that sort of local community support—local energy, if you like—that makes it very easy for me, as a local member, to get behind and support them. We did that in several electorates, particularly around capital works building programs and additions to classrooms. We assisted in highlighting the challenges around the early learning centre and its need for resources, with quite some success.

That Coolbellup community group and the Coolbellup Community Association have gone on to do some outstanding things that have taken a lot of time and a lot of effort—for example, running a Cooby Fest, as they call it. One of the largest parks in the area is used to create basically a community festival—a fete, if you like—on a grand scale. I am pleased to say that it will be coming back again this spring under the leadership of Pip Brennan. Pip will be known to many in here as a health consumer advocate who is highly respected across the state. She happens to live in Coolbellup and brings that level of intensity and leadership to the community to make sure that people understand the value of gathering in the community. That is a really good example.

The other spin-off that is worthy of me raising, as I have done before, is the work of Gary Allen. We will not find him on the front page of *The West*. Gary started a group called Cooby Cares in his own backyard for the redistribution of food, furniture and clothing. In fact, I am told that a neighbour moved into his street and reported him to the city for being a hoarder, but the neighbour had to be educated that it was just the warehousing of furniture and goods that Gary redistributes around the neighbourhood, right through to South Lake, Bibra Lake, over to Hilton and so on. He does an outstanding job with his team. Even through COVID we were able to find some additional money. It is a good example of where a little bit can go a long way. A few hundred dollars here and there to supplement the food parcels they were handing out, particularly during the height of the COVID era, was an outstanding use of resources and contribution to the community. I will be forever in their debt because they have been very supportive of me in making sure issues are brought to bear for me to consider. It has been, quite frankly, an armchair ride.

The other singular feature of my electorate since I became a member and came into this place has been the advent of Roe 8. Roe 8 has been one of the most contentious issues east of the freeway. On my side of the freeway, or west of the freeway, there is absolutely no doubt that every individual understands the value of the Beeliam wetlands, which, with the Swan coastal plain, form an aqualung, if you like. When we link all the lakes from north to south on the Swan coastal plain, they are an essential component not just for wildlife but also in filtering the water supply, groundwater, groundwater drainage and the hydrology of the whole Swan coastal plain. The idea that we are focusing singularly on the Beeliam wetlands does not do a decent service to the contribution of all those other lakes. The community is very impressed and happy with the determination of the government from the 2017 election onwards, when an election commitment was made to extinguish the Roe 8 reserve and preserve Beeliam wetlands as a class A reserve for time immemorial.

It has been confected by various people opposite as a road that is absolutely necessary to deliver the freight link we need. I want to make sure that we continue to reinforce the issue here, as I do in the community. It has been put to people in suburbs around the formerly proposed Roe 8, and also Roe 7—if we go east of the freeway—that this is part of a vital freight link to the Fremantle port. However, in reality, most people who are for this road support it on the basis of traffic. Traffic management and freight management need to be carefully separated when appropriate so that we can understand the nature of the challenge. Somebody who bought a house on Leach Highway and then proceeded to think all the traffic issues on Leach Highway were directly linked to the absence of Roe 8 and Roe 9 have been sold a pup, quite frankly. The Liberal Party has been completely morally bankrupt in the way it has prosecuted its arguments for Roe 8. Its members have made people believe that all their traffic concerns would be alleviated by putting in one road—a road to nowhere, I might add. The argument falls very, very sharply when we talk about Roe 9 and the final kilometre going into a single-entry port. Nobody wants to talk about the cost of delivering Roe 9. The member for Bicton and the member for Fremantle are well versed in what it means for their communities. Quite frankly, we have allowed the whole debate about getting a world-class competitive port—a single port for bulk cargo into Western Australia—to be hijacked in this way.

The reality is that when Captain Stirling floated up the Swan River and threw a line over a tree, and O'Connor blew open the port, it was a very different time. When I grew up around Fremantle and went to John Curtin Senior High School with all the children of fishing families, wharfies, lumpers and crane drivers, it was a very different environment. Now, the land use is inconsistent with the enabling infrastructure needed to support a port. Quite often, the number talked about regarding the capacity of the port is on the basis of only the number of boxes that can be moved across the wharf and the number of ship movements in and out. It does not pay regard to the cost and implications of upgrading both road and rail infrastructure to support that port. Never should we have a conversation about Roe 8 that does not include the Liberal lies around the issue of ports and their enabling infrastructure. There was no plan from the Barnett government on how it would cover the last kilometre and no costings were done. There was a general view that we would have to upgrade the Stirling Bridge, known euphemistically as the “new traffic bridge” in Fremantle. That alone raised numbers in the order of \$50 million, \$100 million, \$150 million and \$450 million—they were very rubbery. Traffic would then have had to go through five sets of lights to get to a link into a single-entry port, which would never meet world standards for efficiency.

We were very happy in Willagee to see a commitment from the government for an outer harbour and the work undertaken there. When I had the fisheries portfolio, as minister I became very close to the issues around the environmental factors in Cockburn Sound, and maintaining, enhancing and supporting fish stocks and the environment. When we talk about the outer harbour, we must make sure that we put into context the imposition of additional infrastructure that could be developed by taking a thoughtful approach to the environment and, in fact, by using methods to enhance the environment.

However, we cannot redress some 70 or 90 years of heavy industrial use. We can make inroads into it, but the Kwinana strip is the one place in Western Australia where we said in a planning context that we would place all our heavy industry. We must have regard for the environment in which we are nesting the new port facility and take the opportunity the infrastructure spend affords to improve the seagrass and the pink snapper nursery and to preserve the amenity that is the truly wonderful harbour of Cockburn Sound as a body of water and its interaction with the land.

None of these things in the electorate of Willagee are unlinked. It sits nested in the surrounding communities of Fremantle and Jandakot, with Bickton and Bateman to the north and Cockburn itself to the south. Often there are competing pressures. The suburbs along the Swan River, including Fremantle, Bickton and Bateman, are land constrained. Land abounds in the south in areas such as Cockburn right through to Kwinana where opportunities for residential and industrial purposes are being pursued by those cities to ensure that they provide a future for Western Australia and Western Australian jobs. There will always be a clash of competing interests about how we undertake infrastructure, particularly in the southern suburbs.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr P.C. TINLEY: Another thing to note is that the City of Perth is 147 kilometres long. It is longer than Los Angeles and more dispersed than many other capital cities in the world. It is a point of mismanagement, in my view, over successive generations. Until now, we have not taken seriously the urban infill that is required to arrest that ever-increasing urban fringe and all the concomitant challenges and resources that are required to deliver services. I remember Treasury talking about how much it costs to deliver all the services to a new subdivision, including policing, health, utilities, sewerage, water and electricity; it is a significant cost. A business would look at how it could leverage the existing infrastructure and investment.

Many governments ago, there was an ambition to attain 47 per cent infill. Unfortunately, we loaded that onto local governments and in a lot of the southern suburbs, the local councils met their commitments to that type of density only by developing a bunch of battleaxe blocks. For example, in the suburb of Palmyra, one of the worst-affected suburbs, there is row after row of A, B and C battleaxe blocks with concrete driveways down the side. The trees have been chopped down and the canopy ripped out to make space for more cars. That is counterintuitive to what we should be doing around density. The truth is that the target of 47 per cent infill will be met by thoughtful infill and density development around villages. The suburb of Willagee is a good example. It has a main road. It is a classic type of development for the suburbs within a 10 or 12-kilometre ring of where we are standing now, such as Redcliffe and Balga. They all have a central road running through the town with a shopping strip, with shops such as an IGA; hopefully, a medical facility such as a GP clinic or that sort of thing; and a school, a library and a recreation centre. That certainly is what characterises the suburb of Willagee and many older suburbs. They are the places where we need to deliver density. A walkable catchment with a 450-metre radius is the best opportunity to increase density. It will not be done by developing high-rise apartments; it will be done by developing two and three-storey walk-ups of 20 units over three-quarter acres. Those sorts of developments are very deliverable and do not impose too much on the built-form environment. In fact, if done well, it adds to the amenity of the central village in those types of suburbs. They are well worthwhile doing.

The other heavy lifting will be done by Metronet and the Metronet precincts over the coming years as they fill out and are populated to create the type of environment that we know we need around train stations to ensure that we activate the public transport network and create an appropriate amenity in concentrated village-like areas. Thoughtful design is absolutely essential to doing that.

We can look at remnant land, of which Roe 8 is a very good example. When it is extinguished as a result of legislation that will go through this place, it will probably mostly return to its natural state at the point at which it reaches Stock Road. We do not often talk about Roe 9, which was established and became a remnant as a result of the extinguishment of the eastern bypass by a former Labor government that decided it was inconsistent with the land use—I agree—to build a freeway through those suburbs to cut to Fremantle. Roe 9 represents what I would call a greenfield site in a brownfield zone. It is, in large part, undeveloped. There is a great opportunity to get it right and make sure that through a proper consultation process we have a good mix of regenerative natural environment and shared access through bike paths. Of course, some traffic management will be required to ensure that the area has supporting roads. Each of the intersections—for example, the corner of Stock Road and Roe 9, the Forrest Road link, and also the intersection of Carrington Street and Roe 9—offer enormous amounts of acreage that can be activated and developed in a thoughtful way to uplift those areas and create the sorts of villages I am talking about to make the connection between the coast and the wetlands an accessible and enjoyable experience. The members for Fremantle and Cockburn, no doubt, and I, along with other members, will be championing Roe 9 to ensure that thoughtful design is inclusive of the surrounding communities. I always thought that design by inquiry was a good approach. That is best led by local government. The City of Cockburn is a highly capable city with very professional staff who have the capacity to engage with the community and work out the competing interests and decide what is the best use of that land. I look forward to working with them over the next four years to support the ambitions of all those local authorities, in tandem with the City of Fremantle.

In my final few minutes, I will turn now to talk about something that has been dear to my heart since becoming a member of the Labor Party. Like others, I joined the Labor Party for many reasons. I believe in teams and I believe in collectivism. I believe that the collective can do what the individual cannot. That has been the formation of the Labor Party in so many ways. Certainly, the industrial wing of the Labor Party has been the nursery and prosecutor of that idea, in large part, for over 100 years for the benefit of working people to ensure that their lives are made a lot better. The political wing of the Labor movement, the Labor Party itself, of which I am a very proud member,

approaches the idea that we do not just support the status quo. Generally, conservatives might be identified as typically defending the status quo. I am not saying that they cannot undertake reform. The reform of the Australian gun laws is a good example when immediate crisis-driven reform was taken advantage of and we got a good outcome for all Australians. But when we look at the history of the Labor movement, both the industrial and political wings, we can see that change is what characterises who we are. To have an enduring commitment to that in the future, we need a place for dangerous ideas. None of the structures of the major parties has the capacity to articulate, debate and determine some very dangerous ideas that would ordinarily be controversial. It is very difficult to do it in government, certainly for a minister. The nature of the media cycle that we are presented with is that a minister can say something of a thought bubble, if you like, about a particular area that they are involved in, and by six o'clock that day it must be enshrined as policy or walked away from as a backflip; that is the debating time that we have now—from discussion of a matter until its close.

I was talking to the Governor around the time of the sad passing of Bob Hawke. He said that he thought Bob Hawke was probably one of the last leaders in Australia who could open up public debate, not have to have it closed by six o'clock in the evening, and have ongoing debate to build the consensus that is required for change. Change in the modern world now is ever more difficult, particularly with the advent of social media and the challenges it puts on misinformation and getting the story right. People do not want to go to the second and third order consequential conversations that are had when contemplating a particularly significant change, and it is very difficult, although not impossible, to do that through platforms like social media, which we have to embrace.

I have always felt that in Western Australia we have been poorly served by the thinking architecture resident here. We have no CEDAs or Grattans based here. Quite often, the Grattan Institute reports are not applicable to Western Australia, particularly the reports on energy. Often, an energy report from the Grattan Institute will be focused on the network arrangements of the eastern seaboard, with no regard to an isolated market like ours. I have always felt that we need a good, general public policy institute that is independent. I look forward to working with a few individuals who are very keen to see a similar thing. I also note that there are some great models here. The Perth USAsia Centre run by Gordon Flake is probably one of the foremost think tanks that interprets the world in a Western Australian context. He has made a magnificent contribution to how Western Australia sees itself in its time zone, in the region, and its competing challenges. I am very keen to see a genuine, independent think tank that is available for all to air and debate dangerous ideas for the sole purpose of progressing what it is to be Western Australian and advancing this state to create a world that our kids and their kids will inherit that they can be proud of, which is very much in the tradition of a progressive organisation like the Labor movement. On that note, I will conclude by thanking everyone for their indulgence this afternoon. I am now going to lunch.

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [12.42 pm]: It gives me great pleasure to contribute to the Address-in-Reply debate. It takes me back to a couple of weeks ago when this first kicked off with the Governor's speech in the other place, followed by the high-quality inaugural speeches given in this place by all the new members. It was outstanding to listen to the experiences that led everyone to being here. In conversation with the member for Willagee recently, I remarked how the 2021 group of members is very impressive. I thought our 2017 group was pretty good, and the 2013 group was not bad at the time either, but the group that has come in after the 2021 election is exceptional and I really look forward to watching them grow, develop and contribute to the best interests of this state over the next four years. We are extremely fortunate to have such strong representation from the government in this chamber.

Mr P.J. Rundle: It can only go downhill from here.

Mr S.J. PRICE: It will go a long way to make sure that Western Australia continues to prosper because if we have to rely on the opposition for anything, we will be in a whole world of hurt, member for Roe.

It was really interesting to listen to the member for Willagee and what he said about housing density, infill and development. As we all know, the cost of housing and the availability of affordable housing within the state is something that continues to be a challenge. We all have development proposals or activities going on within our electorates; my electorate in Forrestfield is no different. As the crow flies, Forrestfield is 15 kilometres from the city. It might take people a little longer to get there than they think because they have to drive along Orrong Road, which certainly needs a lot of work, but it is close. The part of the electorate that I live in in Wattle Grove is probably 20 kilometres from the city. We have semirural blocks there that range in size from half an acre to three or four hectares. It is so close to the city and it is incredible and really beautiful. It raises the conversation about what we will do going forward.

The easy thing to do is to chop up land and create 300-square metre blocks, but, as the member for Willagee mentioned, we can do density wrong by cutting down the trees and squeezing in as many houses as we can. As a result of doing this, the canopy across the state has declined over the years. That is certainly not what we want to see happening. The conversation about maximising profit on a property is a difficult one to have. People will buy a larger property thinking that they are going to subdivide it, make it smaller, make some money out of it and move on to something else, but that takes away the opportunity for someone to move into the area and enjoy and experience the beauty of it as it is. There are areas where it can be done, and if it is done right, it fits in with the local amenity. We have continued to develop land north and south of the city, and the member for Willagee mentioned a distance of

147 kilometres, which is almost beyond belief. We need to take a little control back because developers buy a block of land, develop it and then expect the government to put in the infrastructure for people to access that land. We do not have a lot of control over that process. There are challenges in that going forward.

This government is putting in place transport infrastructure to improve the ability of people to get from A to B more efficiently and more safely, which, unfortunately, is what we have to do, especially around my electorate with the number of major transport routes that pass through. The Tonkin and Roe Highways pretty much split my electorate right through the middle. I previously mentioned one of the upgrades to Tonkin Highway at Hale Road, but the next intersection along, with Welshpool Road East, is either the first or second most congested intersection in the state; it is an absolute shocker. A bridge will be put there as well. The third upgrade along Tonkin Highway will be at Kelvin Road, with the creation of a new intersection. These things have all been spoken about. As with most of the big infrastructure projects, they will be jointly funded with the federal government and will have a significant benefit for the travelling community. Three sets of lights will be removed from the south to north journey along Tonkin Highway, which will certainly decrease the travel time. An interesting tidbit of information is that the lights at the intersection of Hale Road and Tonkin Highway in Forrestfield are the first set of lights a driver encounters after leaving Geraldton to drive south along the new NorthLink WA from Muchea to Tonkin Highway; the sooner those lights go, the better.

Due to Forrestfield's proximity to the airport, a heavy logistics industry can be found in the area, so a lot of investment has been put into intersections—such as the one between Roe Highway and the Great Eastern Highway bypass, and the one at Abernethy and Kalamunda Roads—the rail bridge on Abernethy Road and the duplication of Abernethy Road past the Forrestfield industrial area. That is designed to increase efficiency, reduce congestion and allow freer traffic flow through the area.

One of the things I am really keen to do is get heavy vehicles off that part of Kalamunda Road that runs through the suburb of High Wycombe between Abernethy Road and Roe Highway. I am working with the local government about what we can do to slow down the traffic on that road to make it a bit of a main street. As it stands now, the suburb of High Wycombe is split in two by this ugly road through the middle of it. If trucks are made to travel more slowly through that area, they will have to go around and use the infrastructure that has been put in place for them, which is the right thing to do.

As I mentioned, the Kalamunda Road–Roe Highway intersection has just about been finished. A big jarrah tree has been left at that intersection. That is a tree that I saved. I was out there doorknocking one day, and someone said to me, “What about the tree?” We measured that tree—we googled it; there is a formula—and we came up with an age of about 360 years. I said to the Minister for Transport and Main Roads that they cannot cut it down, and the intersection was built around the tree.

Mr V.A. Catania: I thought you would have chained yourself to the tree!

Mr S.J. PRICE: Ha-ha! I normally like to cut things down, but I thought I would save this one! If people go past that intersection and see a big tree sticking out in the middle, that is why it is still there.

A lot of investment is going on in the area that will make a huge difference to people's travelling times and safety as they head through the area.

Debate interrupted, pursuant to standing orders.

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UPPER SWAN PRIMARY SCHOOL — PRINCIPAL STEPHEN GREEN — RETIREMENT

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MS J.J. SHAW (Swan Hills — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.51 pm]: On 21 July, Upper Swan Primary School principal, Stephen Green, will retire after nearly 40 years in public education. Stephen has been a classroom teacher, deputy principal and principal, including at Tambellup Primary, Bullsbrook College, Bassendean Primary, and finally at Upper Swan Primary, where I have been privileged to know him. Stephen is renowned for his knowledge of curriculum; teaching and learning principles and practice; the level of trust he places in his team; and for pioneering a leadership approach tailored to individual students and the school community. His leadership was recognised in Professor Bill Loudon's 2015 publication *High performing primary schools: What do they have in common?*, describing Upper Swan Primary School as achieving excellence and as contradicting the trend towards lower variance teaching, not mandating textbooks, timetables and teaching methods.

I have seen Stephen's remarkably strong rapport with kids. Every day, he goes out of his way to connect, making rhyming games, “Lewis the Truest”, “Mason will Ace-em”; pretending to steal lunches; encouraging playing in mud; involving the kids in practical jokes on their teachers; and, on hot valley days, getting out his Nerf water mega blaster.

Stephen is now taking time to spend with his family. We are all so very grateful for the remarkable contribution he has made to so many children and families across Swan Hills.

ROBERT WHALLEY — TRIBUTE*Statement by Member for Central Wheatbelt*

MS M.J. DAVIES (Central Wheatbelt — Leader of the Opposition) [12.52 pm]: I rise to pay tribute to Robert Whalley, who passed away on 5 May 2021 at the age of 76 years. Bob was born on 20 October 1944 in Wiluna and grew up in Hopetoun and later Albany. He was an active community member, a keen footy player, and a long-time supporter and friend of the Nationals WA. Bob always had a burning ambition to play football and was a decorated player. He made his West Australian Football League debut in round one of the 1963 season playing for the East Perth Royals. He went on to play 67 games from 1963 to 1969, before returning to regional Western Australia to take over the Hopetoun Hotel and lace up his boots for the Ravensthorpe Southerners.

In the 1970s, Bob moved to Albany, where he became a fixture of the Railways Football Club going on to have a more than 40-year involvement as a player, coach, committee member, vice-president and life member. Bob was also known in Albany as a successful small business owner, purchasing a service station that became United Petroleum, now known as Whalley's United and Uberwash, and now owned by his son Robby. Bob's contribution to Albany, the city he loved, was considerable. He was a shareholder of the *Great Southern Weekender*, and he helped establish regional Western Australia's first state basketball team, the Rainbow Coast Raiders.

I offer my sincere condolences to Bob's partner of 29 years, Lorraine, his children, Robby and Cindy, and his family and friends. He was a wonderful person, who offered his support and encouragement to many, and he will be missed. Rest in peace, Bob.

CURTIN WESLEY FOOTBALL CLUB — PINK TIGER DAY*Statement by Member for South Perth*

MR G. BAKER (South Perth) [12.54 pm]: I would like to bring to the attention of the house the phenomenal fundraising effort of the Curtin Wesley Football Club at its annual Pink Tiger Day 2021, held on Saturday, 15 May. At this fundraiser for the McGrath Foundation, the club raised \$61 000. Over the 10 years that the club has been holding Pink Tiger Day it has raised a total of \$372 000. These funds go to support the McGrath Foundation breast care nurses who support individuals and their families experiencing breast cancer. These nurses provide physical, psychological and emotional support from the time of diagnosis and throughout treatment. I would like to acknowledge the wonderful work of Jesse Wilson, club president; Mark Hayter, the event organiser; and the many incredible volunteers who made this day a success.

KATANNING SHOW*Statement by Member for Roe*

MR P.J. RUNDLE (Roe) [12.55 pm]: Following the cancellation of many agricultural shows during 2020, the Katanning Show went ahead, coincidentally having been booked in for the exact day restrictions eased in October. The 129th WAMMCO International Katanning Agricultural Show was a record breaker, with more than 13 000 people going through the gates in one day. I congratulate the organisation for receiving the West Australian Showmen's Association award in appreciation for the extraordinary effort of proceeding with the Katanning Show in 2020.

Highlights of the show included the WA axemen and yard dog trials, which were both new events to the arena. Of course, the speed shears competition, vintage machinery display, sideshow alley and fireworks display remained crowd favourites. Recent extensions to the shed, made possible through federal government regional agricultural show development grants, made the setting up and running of events much easier this year.

I would like to thank and congratulate the small but enthusiastic Katanning Agricultural Society committee, with special mention to president Jill Calder and vice president Rosalie Baxter. Thank you to the Shire of Katanning for providing assistance and guidance, especially from their environmental health officer, on COVID-19 safety planning. I would also like to thank the Western Australian Meat Marketing Cooperative Ltd, Lotterywest, Co-operative Bulk Handling Ltd and businesses that donated to the show. This group of volunteers really did put Katanning on the map. I look forward to another successful and safe Katanning Show in 2021.

COOGEE BEACH CARAVAN PARK — REDEVELOPMENT*Statement by Member for Cockburn*

MR D.A.E. SCAIFE (Cockburn) [12.56 pm]: I rise today on behalf of residents who will be affected by the proposed redevelopment of Coogee Beach caravan park. The caravan park is located within an A-class reserve at Woodman Point and is controlled by the City of Cockburn under a management order. The city leases the site to Discovery Parks for the purpose of operating it as a caravan park. Earlier this year, residents became aware that Discovery is proposing a redevelopment that is likely to displace dozens of long-term residents. Many of these residents have lived in the park for decades. Some settled there because of representations that they would have long-term security in the park. Some suffer from serious health issues. Most have invested their life savings to live in the park and have limited financial means.

That is why I have made it clear to both the city and Discovery that I expect any redevelopment of the site to involve the following: options for relocating affected residents within the park or to neighbouring parks, financial assistance for affected residents, and a time line that will provide residents with certainty about how and when they will be affected. I have met with affected residents and will continue to advocate on their behalf. I am particularly thankful to the following residents for raising their concerns with me: Jillian Spruyt, Sheila Raine, Gary and Jenny Read, Michelle Abbott De Rivera, Anne Durant, Edie Mueller, Karin Klicker, Edith Sanderson, Brian Higgins, and Peter and Sally Newsome. I am pleased to put residents' concerns on the record in Parliament and look forward to reaching an outcome that will put the interests of the community first.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

Statement by Member for North West Central

MR V.A. CATANIA (North West Central) [12.58 pm]: As shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, National Reconciliation Week is a time to reflect and act, and to acknowledge Australia's important journey towards a fair, equitable and reconciled country. I encourage all Western Australian to dedicate time during the week to actively learn more about the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This year's theme "More than a word: Reconciliation takes action" is a call to all Australians to be part of the challenge. We have come a long way, but there are still many milestones to reach and challenges to overcome. It is important to recognise the role that we can collectively play in our nation's future. Apart from celebrating the week, we need to reflect on the pain inflicted on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people while we also explore ways of nurturing inclusive relationships and communities with all fellow Australians for a better tomorrow. Learning from each other is a step forward. Reconciliation is not something that we should think about only once a year; it is something that we should think about every day in every small way.

As a regional member of Parliament, I am acutely aware of the unique challenges Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people face when it comes to critical issues like health, education, housing and employment. Our work and policies regarding the disparities between First Nations and non-Indigenous people is ongoing. As the shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, I am committed to fighting better outcomes and pushing for equality in our state. Reconciliation is everyone's business, and this week is a timely reminder for us to start conversations about our history and how we can progressively and collectively achieve a reconciled country.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm

QUESTIONS WITHOUT NOTICE

QUARANTINE ADVISORY PANEL

140. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

Premier, I refer to questions regarding the government's intent to form a quarantine advisory panel asked in this house on 5, 6 and 12 May, and again yesterday, and note the response from the Minister for Health yesterday that indicated this was a task being undertaken by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

- (1) Who will chair the advisory panel?
- (2) Who will be on the advisory panel?
- (3) What are the terms of reference?
- (4) How often will the panel meet?
- (5) Will the panel's advice and progress ensuring implementation of improvements to the quarantine system be published and made public?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(5) The Quarantine Advisory Panel has been established to provide strategic oversight of the management of Western Australia's quarantine arrangements. I now table the terms of reference and membership of the Quarantine Advisory Panel appointed by the Minister for Health today.

[See paper [256](#).]

CORONAVIRUS — INTERSTATE BORDER RESTRICTIONS

141. Ms C.M. COLLINS to the Premier:

I refer to the growing COVID-19 outbreak in Victoria. Can the Premier please update the house on the state government's response to the outbreak, including changes to our controls with Victoria and what that will mean for Western Australians?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I thank the member for Hillarys for the question, and congratulate her on her tremendous success in the electorate of Hillarys at the state election.

The situation in Victoria is very concerning. There have been 26 cases in total now, that we are aware of, with 12 new cases reported overnight. We understand the exposure sites in Victoria have now grown to 83 and the situation is obviously developing fast in Victoria. We have offered the support of our contact tracers to the Victorian government, should they need our support. However, we have had to put in place measures to address the situation concerning Victoria.

Victoria is now designated a medium-risk jurisdiction under our controlled border regime. That means we now have a hard border in place with Victoria. Travel to WA for anyone who has been in Victoria since 16 May will no longer be permitted unless they are an exempt traveller. The exemption list includes those people who would be included for compassionate reasons, which may be Western Australians who have travelled to Victoria recently and need to return to Western Australia. It also includes a range of occupations, particularly senior levels of the commonwealth government. Anyone arriving in Western Australia from 10 o'clock this morning who is exempted will be required to complete 14 days of self-quarantine at a suitable premise and be tested for COVID-19 on arrival and on day 11. People who have arrived in Western Australia and who had been in Victoria since 16 May, prior to 6.00 pm on 25 May, must now also get tested within 48 hours and self-quarantine until they return a negative result, which is the same arrangement that has been in place for the last two days. In effect, we are backcasting to 16 May for that arrangement. The Western Australia Police Force will get in contact with these people through the G2G system.

This is the first time since the Queensland outbreak in late March that a jurisdiction has been classified as medium risk under our controlled border regime, which is, in effect, the first time since late March we have put in place a hard border for Western Australia. It brings us no pleasure to do this to Victoria, and we understand it involves significant disruption for people coming from Victoria. Obviously our thoughts are with Victoria. They are going through another significant issue, not of their making. A quarantine escape in Adelaide has caused this issue in Melbourne, and more broadly in Victoria, but it shows that we have to be careful. It also shows that we have to continue using the SafeWA app and, if you are eligible to be vaccinated, you need to get vaccinated as soon as you possibly can, because that is our way out of the pandemic.

We have a website, rollup.wa.gov.au, to allow people over 50 to book in for their vaccine appointment. We look forward to vaccinating people under the age of 50 as soon as we possibly can; that is, as soon as we get the supplies from the commonwealth government.

This event shows that our G2G PASS, our controlled border system, and the fact we verified at the High Court the capacity of Western Australia to put in place borders are important measures to protect the health and welfare of all Western Australians.

CORONAVIRUS — HOTEL QUARANTINE

142. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

We have provided some notice of this question. I refer to the WA government's response to the Weeramanthri review of Western Australian's hotel quarantine arrangements, and I note that the government supported all 16 recommendations in the review.

- (1) Have all 16 recommendations been implemented?
- (2) If no to (1), please advise which recommendations are still outstanding.
- (3) If no to (1), when can we expect these recommendations to be fully implemented?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I thank the member for the question, of which some notice has been given.

- (1)–(3) I am advised that all recommendations are either completed or ongoing, which means 10 have now been fully completed, with six ongoing. In relation to the ones that are ongoing, some are about continuous improvement around infection prevention and control training for quarantine staff, governance arrangements and data consolidation, so they will not necessarily have an endpoint. But, by and large, all those pieces of work which we would expect to have a solid endpoint have been completed.

CORONAVIRUS — HOTEL QUARANTINE

143. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. Thank you, minister. Would the minister be prepared to table in this house those recommendations that are ongoing so that we can understand which of them are in an ongoing process and which of those have been completed?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Yes, member. I will provide that information as soon as possible.

METRONET PROJECTS

144. Mr Y. MUBARAKAI to the Minister for Transport:

I would like to start by acknowledging, on behalf of the member for Southern River and myself, the year 9 students and their teachers, Mr Ben de Vries and Mrs Jessica Crouch, from Carey Baptist College in Harrisdale.

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's record investment in job-creating transport infrastructure, including the delivery of the Metronet Thornlie–Cockburn Link and the upgrade to Ranford Road. Can the minister update the house on these two projects and how they are supporting local jobs, local businesses and local manufacturing?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for Jandakot for that question and I also acknowledge the support of the members for Jandakot, Cockburn and Southern River for the Thornlie–Cockburn rail line.

This project has a long history. It was promised, I think, twice by the Liberal Party when it was in government, but it never went to deliver it. We saw the frustration of the former member for Southern River, who kept claiming that the Liberal government was doing the work and would deliver it, but it did not do any work on that project. Upon winning government, we set about delivering that promise.

This is a new Metronet rail line between Thornlie and Cockburn. As part of that project, we are also upgrading associated infrastructure, and that includes the Ranford Road bridge. Those who live in the area—we know there is significant population growth there—know that that has been a congestion point for a long, long time, particularly as there has been growth in the population of that entire corridor. We are widening the Ranford Road bridge from four lanes to eight lanes—six lanes for general traffic and two lanes for busways.

The other week I visited the Ranford Road project with the local members and the member for Riverton to see the project and the work that is underway. At that milestone we saw the installation of the biggest tee-roff beams ever manufactured in Australia. One might ask what a tee-roff beam is.

Mr W.J. Johnston: What's a tee-roff beam?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I thank the member for Cannington! It is a specially designed beam that was initially developed in Victoria and used in projects in WA. They are lighter and allow for longer beams.

Our new beams are 50 metres long and they were manufactured in Hazelmere by Georgiou Group. Each beam weighs 197 tonnes and it took 10 workers and two concrete pump trucks three days to manufacture them. This is part of our project of delivering 1 600 new jobs. As part of employing locals, we are also training locals. We have programs like Infrastructure Ready that are being developed specifically to ensure that locals have opportunities to work on these projects. As members know, we are delivering our commitments on rail lines and we have thousands of people working on them.

It is always good to go through the history of these projects and look at what the former member for Southern River said. Although he campaigned on this and kept coming in here and saying that works had begun, nothing actually happened under the Liberal government. I will quote an article from 2015 in which Mr Abetz, who campaigned on this issue in 2008, said in relation to the 2013 state election that he thought the Liberal government's polling was doing well, and therefore it never needed to deliver it. It was also Peter Abetz who said —

... he feared that the only hope in extending the Thornlie line would lie with a future Labor Government.

Members, that is correct! The only future for that project was under a future Labor government. I am very proud of the work that is underway on the Ranford Road bridge, the massive employment opportunities and the impact and benefit it will have for that whole corridor, as more and more families move into those areas.

HOSPITALS — BED CAPACITY

145. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I refer to the Premier's comments yesterday on Nova 93.7, when he stated that there are available hospital beds that are not being used in case of a plane crash or similar event. Why are desperately needed hospital beds not being utilised in the case of a hypothetical plane crash, when those beds are needed to deal with a health crisis now?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The way the health system has worked, basically forever, is that it occupies between 85 and 90 per cent of beds. Governments, going back forever, have had about 85 to 90 per cent of the beds occupied because there is always a turnover of beds. There are people leaving hospitals and hospital staff need to clean rooms, fumigate and do all the practices that they put in place to make sure that rooms are clean and ready to be occupied by the next patient. That is the way the health system works. When it gets to about 90 per cent capacity, that is about the maximum capacity that can be occupied in a hospital. If 100 per cent of beds are occupied, there is no capacity for anyone coming in who might be an emergency. Hypothetically, if every single hospital bed is occupied and there is a car crash or plane crash, there will not be beds available for people. That is the way the system has worked forever,

including when the opposition was in office. The way doctors and hospital administrators have run our hospital system for decades is based upon long experience and best practice. That has been in place over successive governments and it is a system that health professionals across Australia advise us is the way to operate.

HOSPITALS — BED CAPACITY

146. Ms L. METTAM to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. We understand the concept of surge capacity. The question is: why are those empty beds being held back, given that our health system is clearly in crisis, which should trigger the activation of increased capacity?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I just explained this; I will explain it to the member again. If 100 per cent of the beds are occupied, let us imagine someone comes into the hospital who has just been in a car accident. Where do they go? There is no capacity available. Let us imagine that someone comes in who has just been in a bus crash. Let us imagine that someone comes in who has just had an aneurysm or a heart attack. There is no capacity for them. Therefore, there is always capacity available for people to come in, particularly in emergencies. I think that makes sense. I would have thought that the member would think that that makes sense. If every single bed is occupied, where do those people go? Therefore, there is a turnover of beds because people are coming in and people are leaving. We do not have someone leave a hospital bed and a room with someone outside the room ready to come in, because there is actually work that needs to go on in that hospital room to prepare the bed for the new patient. Therefore, that is the way the system works. I would have thought that that is patently obvious; it is staring us all in the face that that is the way it should work. When an ambulance arrives at the hospital with someone who has just had a heart attack and who is potentially going to die, there is a bed available for that person. Does that not make sense? I think everyone across Australia understands that concept. Everyone across the health system understands that concept. The only person who does not understand that concept is the member for Vasse.

KENSINGTON FIRE STATION

147. Ms H.M. BEAZLEY to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's investment in the new Kensington career fire and rescue station, which is now operational in my electorate of Victoria Park.

- (1) Can the minister update the house on the new fire and rescue station, as well as other emergency services infrastructure that is part of this government's record investment?
- (2) Can the minister outline to the house how this investment will improve community safety and strengthen WA's frontline services?

Mr R.R. WHITBY replied:

- (1)–(2) As a matter of fact, member for Victoria Park, I can do all those things, believe it or not!

It gives me great pleasure to be able to talk about Kensington Fire Station, which I visited earlier along with the member for Victoria Park and the member for South Perth, in an adjoining district. It is an indication of the investment this government is putting into supporting our firefighters right across Western Australia. Kensington Fire Station became operational, as the member said, on 26 March this year. It was built at a cost of \$8 million and replaced a 48-year-old station that no longer met the needs of the area.

The Kensington station is amazing, and I can tell members that we are building the best fire stations in the country. That is an indication of our commitment to our firefighters in giving them the best facilities to be able to operate from. Kensington Fire Station includes a multi-appliance engine bay, dedicated learning facilities, a new training tower and a rescue pad. The member for Cockburn will be interested in this, because the member joined me recently when we went to the Cockburn career fire station. Again, I was blown away by what was built there. It is a very large facility in a large envelope to cater for future expansion as it is needed. In particular, we have concentrated on the health issues of firefighters. There are wash-down areas so that firefighters can wash down and remove contaminants from their bodies and their protective clothing before they re-enter the fire station. It is cutting-edge technology. These are the best fire stations anywhere in Australia and they meet the needs of frontline firefighters.

Importantly, the recent construction of both stations saw 500 local jobs for Western Australians, which again is good for our economy. The stations are built to cater for future population growth and they will be homes to new appliances when they are rolled out. Those appliances are being built in Western Australia, including in Collie, as the member for Collie–Preston will no doubt be aware.

I am proud that the state government has a strong legacy in continuing to deliver for emergency services. We are very invested in infrastructure for our emergency responders. I also mention that tomorrow I will be attending the Bedforddale Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade's new facility in Bedforddale. We have so many new facilities coming online now.

Dr A.D. Buti: That member for Darling Range is good, isn't he?

Mr R.R. WHITBY: That member for Darling Range is doing amazing things delivering there, and I will be catching up with the member for Darling Range, and possibly the member for Armadale as well. It is so good to see that a government is supporting our frontline responders, our firefighters, and providing the very best infrastructure and facilities to operate from, as well as the best equipment and appliances that will be built in Western Australia.

WANNEROO–JOONDALUP INTERCHANGE — PROPERTY DAMAGE

148. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Transport:

I refer to the report in today's *Wanneroo Times* titled "Time not flying for roadworks compensation claims", which outlines the plight of many home owners whose houses have been damaged during construction of the Wanneroo–Joondalup interchange constructed by CPB Contractors and the claims that many residents still have not had their claims considered by CPB, and I understand that they have been in touch with Main Roads as well. Will the minister undertake to ensure that Main Roads insists that CPB Contractors finalises these outstanding claims as a matter of urgency and report back to the house when it is done?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the member for Moore for that question. In relation to these property damage claims, I understand that initially the contractor was undertaking investigations. It had done the precondition assessments and was undertaking the assessments in relation to the property damage claims. Some of those property owners expressed concern or dissatisfaction with my office and me. As a result, Main Roads has identified ways to improve that, so that is being worked through now. We are working with the contractor to ensure that affected property owners have access to the fair process and that their concerns are being considered. This has been raised with me and since that time, Main Roads has stepped in to work with the contractors to make sure that the issues are seriously considered.

WANNEROO–JOONDALUP INTERCHANGE — PROPERTY DAMAGE

149. Mr R.S. LOVE to the Minister for Transport:

I have a supplementary question. Would the minister be in a position to outline to the house at some stage exactly what has been done to improve the process for future compensation claims through this particular contractor, which I understand holds significant contracts, including a \$423 million portion of Metronet?

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I outlined the process this morning in a grievance, member. What happens is that the contractor is primarily responsible for dealing with claims in relation to damage as part of construction work. When there are issues and people are not satisfied that the contractor has dealt with those in a satisfactory manner, that matter is escalated to the Main Roads department, and that is what has happened in this case. Main Roads is involved, as it gets involved in other issues when members of the public or landowners are not satisfied with the contractor's response. Main Roads gets involved to ensure that there is a fair process, as is defined in relation to the process, which is that precondition assessment reports are undertaken. After the project is completed, landowners have the ability to raise claims if they believe there is damage. There is then a process that goes forward in relation to the assessment of those claims in trying to determine whether the project did impact that property and a valuation is then determined. As I said, if members of the public and landowners are not happy with the contractors in that relationship, it is then escalated to Main Roads, and that is what has occurred. In relation to this, my office was contacted because they believed there was not a satisfactory response from the contractor, and that is why my department is now involved.

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE — COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS

150. Ms E.L. HAMILTON to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's ongoing commitment to combating family and domestic violence and keeping Western Australian families safe. Can the minister outline to the house how the government is supporting community organisations to respond to the increased demand for services and help to ensure that women and children are kept safe?

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

I am very pleased to outline to the house some of the initiatives that the state government is taking in partnership with not only our community organisations, but also all levels of government. On Friday, I announced \$7.9 million in service grants awarded to WA domestic violence service organisations through the National Partnership on COVID-19 Domestic and Family Violence Responses. Thirty grants were given to different organisations around the state. We are grateful to the federal government for making that money available and allowing the state government to work and put out an expressions of interest opportunity for different organisations to come forward and let us know what the demand is out there.

The grants include supporting additional outreach services, so that means that there are people on the ground from different organisations getting in their cars and going out to people's houses and seeing what support they

need; expanding programs to provide legal and financial counselling advice to women escaping violence to help them get back on their feet again; expanding men's behaviour change programs; and connecting FDV survivors to housing options.

Of course, domestic violence does not discriminate, so there is a need across the state for this work. That is something that we have certainly recognised since coming to government in 2017. We have put in record amounts of investment, not only financial investment, but also attention across portfolios—as I said, all layers of government in partnership with both local and federal governments and in lock step with community sector organisations. One in four of those 30 grants that I mentioned have gone to Aboriginal-controlled organisations. On the eve of National Reconciliation Week, I think it is important that we understand that Aboriginal organisations are best placed to start to provide good relationships and meaningful responses to Aboriginal women experiencing domestic violence.

That \$7.9 million is on top of the \$28 million that we put into the COVID response to domestic violence last year. There are significant resources going out across the state, as I said.

Just quickly, people might be interested to know that in the Kimberley, \$454 000 has gone to the Marnin Bowa Dumbara Aboriginal Corporation to look at a counselling outreach response and make sure that it is making contact with people in Derby, as well as in the west of the Kimberley. The Australian Childhood Foundation was given \$248 000 to do work statewide with children and young people. The Community Legal Centres Association was given \$1.148 million to look at legal health check and referral pathways to make sure that all the different services understand how to give people the best support possible. The Ebenezer Aboriginal Corporation in the north metropolitan area was given \$390 000, member for Joondalup. These are significant grants that have been given out throughout the state to make sure that we are there when people are experiencing domestic violence and that we are building up the capacity of our community sector partners to provide support when women and children need it.

PINDAN GROUP — GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

151. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Premier:

I refer to comments yesterday by the Minister for Housing about the potential for legal action against the government if it sought to break the contract with the Pindan Group.

- (1) Does Pindan trading while insolvent constitute a breach of the government contract; and, if not, why not?
- (2) Is the Premier aware that Pindan Asset Management is completely incapable of delivering any of its contractual obligations, let alone putting fuel in its workers' cars?
- (3) Will the government consider breaking the contract with Pindan to give assurance and certainty to subcontractors that they will be paid to complete work in communities expecting projects to be delivered?

The SPEAKER: Just before I call anyone, you cannot seek a legal opinion in a question, so I ask the Premier to keep that in mind. The member should not have sought a legal opinion as part of that question. I will invite the Premier to answer the other parts, and if the member wants to ask a supplementary, he will get the opportunity.

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(3) It is obviously a difficult situation for many subcontractors and workers who either subcontract to or work for Pindan. The government put in place a range of mechanisms to try to ensure it was aware if anything of this nature was occurring or going to occur, but none of the systems that were put in place identified that there was an issue or a problem, certainly not at any significant time before they occurred. I think it is a surprise to many people that this occurred. I know there has been speculation that people were aware and so forth some months before, but that is not our information or advice. Regarding the management of the issue by the Minister for Housing, the Minister for Finance and the Minister for Commerce, I am very confident that we are doing all we can to protect both the state's and the other interests involved to the best of our capacity. Obviously, I am not going to engage in language that exacerbates the situation, makes it worse or points the finger of blame at people in relation to this matter. The main thing we can do is pass new laws to ensure we do our best to prevent this from occurring again.

PINDAN GROUP — GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

152. Mr V.A. CATANIA to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. During the 2017 election campaign, the Premier promised to rip up existing contracts both for the Matagarup Bridge and Roe 8, and he did. Why is he not doing the same with Pindan?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The member brings in Matagarup Bridge. Let us talk about Matagarup Bridge. The last Liberal–National government basically signed a contract for a bridge to be manufactured in Malaysia. When investigations took place, it turned out that there were two pieces of metal lying in a shed in some obscure town in Malaysia. That was the extent of the work that had been done. When the member says that, what did we do? We brought the work back from overseas and got it done in the course of five months in Western Australia using a Western Australian company. Trying to

draw an analogy between what has happened with Pindan and the situation with Matagarup Bridge is totally ludicrous. For this member, of all people, to be raising any issues of propriety I think is outrageous, considering your history, my friend, as one of the worst members ever to set foot in this house.

Mr V.A. Catania interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for North West Central, you have asked a supplementary question, and if you would like to have the opportunity to ask supplementaries in the future, you will not interject like that.

Dr A.D. Buti: You broke your contract with the Labor Party when you ratted on us!

Mr M. McGOWAN: He is an expert! This member is an expert at breaching contracts, Madam Speaker, an expert at it—breaching relationships, breaching friendships and breaching obligations. That is what this member does. This member over here is one of the worst members ever to set foot in this chamber.

I turn to Roe 8. Again, it is completely different from what has happened with Pindan. What does the member want us to do? I do not understand what he is suggesting to us. We are trying to continue the maintenance of houses in the northern part of the state, including the member's electorate, and he wants us not to. It is a strange solution he is proposing to this house. The ministers are working through it in a sober and sensible way. The member's contributions are totally and utterly unhelpful.

PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY — EMPLOYMENT

153. **Ms M.M. QUIRK to the Minister for Disability Services:**

I refer to the McGowan Labor government's commitment to creating employment opportunities for people with disability in Western Australia. Can the minister update the house on how the McGowan Labor government is supporting jobs, accessibility and inclusion for people with disability across the state?

Mr D.T. PUNCH replied:

I certainly can. I thank the member for that question and for her passion in pursuing inclusivity for her community. In fact, as soon as I became minister, I was receiving representations from the member on many matters affecting her community, so I thank her very much.

Jobs for people with disability are at the forefront of this government's approach to increasing inclusivity, and are a priority for me as the new Minister for Disability Services. One example of our inclusive approach to maximise employment for people with disability is the state's partnership with Valued Lives, a peer-led organisation providing support to people to develop micro-enterprises. Valued Lives started its micro-enterprise hub project in March 2019, providing support to people with disability to pursue their really important goals of social and economic participation through the provision of welcoming spaces across the metropolitan region. Under the project, people with disability can access support to develop and operate small businesses in the community. Funding was then provided by the state government to expand and grow the project to meet high demand, with referrals coming from local coordinators, planners and schools, and requests from young people leaving school and seeking to gain employment through the development of their own micro-enterprise. In September 2020, the Western Australian government allocated \$500 000 to support people with disability to achieve their employment goals through group-based peer support. This includes support to access mainstream employment and develop individual employment enterprises.

This commitment is making a real difference to people on the ground. For example, 18-year-old Ethyn Amat, who lives in the south west, has been able to expand his art business through the program. He creates pieces inspired by an array of different ideas, including his Indigenous heritage. Ethyn is non-verbal and found himself connecting with people through colours. Eventually, after creating a number of very impressive art pieces, a family friend suggested Ethyn sell his artwork, and thus the Ethyn Extra-Ordinary Art online page was born and continues today.

So far, Valued Lives has supported more than 100 people to begin their journey towards sustainable employment. As part of our election commitments, the McGowan government recently announced a further \$500 000 to boost micro-enterprise opportunities for a further hundred people with disability to establish new businesses through start-up grants, mentoring and support. We are proud to partner with community organisations to empower and deliver opportunities for Western Australian people with disability.

ELECTORAL REFORM — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

154. **Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:**

I refer to the government's intention to pursue electoral reform of the Legislative Council.

- (1) Can the Premier confirm that it has been a policy of WA Labor to abolish upper house regions and replace them with a whole single-state electorate since at least 1983?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, members!

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: I continue my questions —

- (2) Can the Premier rule out this model being adopted by his government?
- (3) Has the Premier engaged directly with any regional communities about the impact that these proposed reforms will have?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(3) There are a lot of hypotheticals in that question. I have not read the ALP platform lately so I cannot advise the member about the veracity of the first part of his question. I can advise him, however, that the Minister for Electoral Affairs has appointed an eminent Western Australian, Malcolm McCusker, QC—a former Governor of Western Australia and someone respected all over the state—to look at these matters in light of what occurred in the state election, whereby a member of the Daylight Saving Party was elected to the upper house with 98 votes.

The Leader of the Liberal Party was complaining that we got 10 000 votes below the line. Hon Wilson Tucker, who was elected in the Mining and Pastoral Region, got three votes below the line. From recollection, I think the Liberal Party got 2 000 votes below the line, which might reflect why there is only one Liberal Party member representing that region in the house at the moment. The Daylight Saving Party also ran a candidate in the Agricultural Region, who, strangely enough, is Brett Tucker, the twin brother of Wilson Tucker. He got four votes below the line! He got 25 per cent more direct votes than Wilson Tucker, yet he did not get elected. We had these two Tuckers out there trying to secure seats in the Western Australian Parliament—one got three votes and one got four. The one who got three votes got elected and the one who got four did not. What is clear from the Tucker experience is that we need to look toward some sort of reform. That is what Malcolm McCusker is doing; he is looking toward some sort of reform of these matters.

As I outlined before in the house—I will find the details—the one that astonished me, which I was not aware of before, is that, although I deeply respect Kalgoorlie, of course, the vote of someone in Kalgoorlie is worth three and a half times the vote of someone in Albany. I was astonished when I learnt that recently. I was not aware of that. They are two great regional cities of Western Australia, but the vote of a person in one city is worth three and a half times the value of the vote of someone in the other regional city. I think most people across the regions would think that does not make sense. It is the case that there are these anomalies all over the state, including, as I pointed out—this is remarkable as well—that the vote of someone in Wundowie, in the member for Central Wheatbelt’s electorate, is worth four times the vote of someone in Wooroloo. Can anyone explain that as well? Why is a vote in Wooroloo, a quaint, lovely place, worth a quarter of the vote of someone in Wundowie, seven kilometres away? Can someone explain that anomaly to me? I do not understand it. All I would say is that these matters are being looked at by Mr McCusker and his committee.

When it comes to the member talking about abolishing things in the upper house, as I have outlined to the house before, the only person I am aware of who wanted to abolish the upper house is “Big Nick”, the Nationals’ man in Kalgoorlie and candidate for the Mining and Pastoral Region. He wants to abolish the upper house, when he was not elected to it.

ELECTORAL REFORM — LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

155. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier and the Minister for Electoral Affairs join me on a nine-hour road trip of my electorate —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please, members! I expect the member is being very serious here, and I would like his question to be taken seriously. You are welcome to start again if that suits you. I would like to hear the question in silence, please.

Mr P.J. RUNDLE: Will the Premier and the Minister for Electoral Affairs join me on a nine-hour road trip of my electorate, which is how long it takes to traverse the 106 000 square kilometres, and engage with my communities to understand why it is important to have equitable access to regional representation?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I cannot speak for the Minister for Electoral Affairs, but I am confident that if I could, he would say he would rather have his head slammed in a door than spend nine hours in a car with you, member for Roe! Maybe the three of us on a road trip would not be his idea of fun. But I do spend a lot of time, a great deal of time, in regional Western Australia. It would be fair to say that I am very committed to regional WA, as I outlined to the house before, with all our commitments under royalties for regions and broader commitments across the budget for regional Western Australia. There has never been a greater infrastructure spend in regional WA than under this government.

There has never been a greater spend on roads. Look around regional WA and at the hospital spend all over the state—this government is undertaking it. Look at school rebuilds, school commitments, additional staff and ambulance staff, as the minister outlined yesterday, and sporting facilities—more attention is being given to regional WA than ever before. That is because this Labor government is deeply committed to regional WA, as can be seen by all the regional members in this chamber. Looking around, the member for Kalgoorlie is a regional Labor member. The member for Collie–Preston is a regional Labor member. The member for Geraldton is a regional Labor member. The members for Pilbara, Murray–Wellington, Bunbury, Kimberley and Dawesville are regional Labor MPs.

Mr R.S. Love: Where's the member for Mandurah?

Mr M. McGOWAN: What is so funny? She knocked off the Liberal Party leader. Is that what opposition members are laughing about? She knocked off the Liberal Party leader, despite all their efforts; the member for Dawesville did that. I look further afield—bear in mind I do not have my glasses on—and there are as many empty seats on the Labor side as there are members of the opposition in the chamber, Madam Speaker. There are numerous Labor MPs from across regional Western Australia who truly represent and, I might add, members of the opposition, live in their electorates—unlike the National Party—and who are deeply committed to regional WA, and that will continue.

Point of Order

Mr R.S. LOVE: I think the Premier has just implied that members of the National Party do not live in their electorates. Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! The Premier, your leader, is more than capable of responding. I do not need responses from all of you. There is no point of order. The member has made a point, but it is not a point of order. It is up to the Premier how he responds.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: Madam Speaker, I will close, but it is obviously a point of sensitivity for the National Party that its MPs seem to inhabit the western suburbs of Perth.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.

PINDAN GROUP — GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Question without Notice 123 — Supplementary Information

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Minister for Housing) [2.47 pm]: As per standing order 82A, I would like to provide further information to the question without notice asked of me yesterday by the member for North West Central.

Statutory declarations provided to the Department of Communities for maintenance works are regularly provided for work completed in the month prior, thus the March declaration was received in April and the April declaration was due in May. The Department of Communities had contacted Pindan seeking its outstanding April statutory declaration prior to being formally advised on 18 May 2021 that Pindan had entered voluntary administration, with EY appointed as administrator.

ADDRESS-IN-REPLY

Motion

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [2.48 pm]: Before question time, I was talking about a particular Jarrah tree people might notice when they drive through the new intersection of Roe Highway and Kalamunda Road.

Mr V.A. Catania: Is that the one that you were chained to?

Mr S.J. PRICE: It was the one I was hugging. Yes, that is the one.

There is a bit of a backstory to that from when we were leading up to the start of construction of the new intersection. Unfortunately, what happens over time is that a lot of vegetation is planted within road reserves, and when we come to take advantage of those road reserves, the first thing that happens is that a lot of the vegetation is removed. I was doorknocking in the area to talk to local residents and inform them that there would be some changes to the landscape over their back fence when these trees were removed. A lovely resident was sitting outside a small block of units that backs onto Kalamunda Road, and we had a chat. She asked about all the trees that were overhanging the back of her property. Unfortunately, they were all eucalypts that had been planted over time. I said that I was not sure what we could do about that and we would go and have a look. As we walked past those trees, we passed an enormous jarrah tree that was there, but we did not really pay much attention to it. When we came back, we stopped and looked at the tree. It was really big. The way we find out the age of a tree is by cutting it down and counting the rings.

Mr W.J. Johnston: That works!

Mr S.J. PRICE: A good old google came up with a formula, so we went back with a tape measure and measured the girth and the height and punched it all in. As I mentioned earlier, according to our measurements, this tree was

in the vicinity of 360 years old, which would explain why it is so big. It was taped to be cut down as part of the new road development. We were able to get in touch with the Minister for Transport's office and Main Roads and, in the end, the road was redesigned around this tree. That beautiful big old jarrah tree is still standing there at the moment, in a fairly barren landscape as a result of the bridge going in, and hopefully it will stand there for another 360 years.

That is reflective of all the development that is taking place in my area. A lot of work is happening. As has been mentioned by numerous people, one of the Labor Party's big focuses heading into the election campaign was to ensure job creation through the difficult economic times of the COVID-19 pandemic that we are dealing with. Part of trying to stimulate the economy is, of course, the government's strong focus on developing jobs through government projects throughout Western Australia, and we have certainly been able to do that. That has been very beneficial to the whole economy. As we heard recently, this state's unemployment figures are now lower than what they were pre the pandemic. More people are now in work than was the case previously. Unfortunately, some challenges are facing the workforce as we go forward, and we will continue to work through those.

Another important event that will occur in, I think, 2023 is that the FIFA Women's World Cup is coming to Australia. Perth has been identified as one of the host cities, which will be great. Part of what comes with the host city label is the requirement for training facilities for the visiting clubs. A number of clubs around the city have been identified as possible training venues. One of those is Forrestfield United Football Club in my area. Forrestfield United is one of the largest soccer clubs in Western Australia. People do not like referring to soccer now; it is all football, football, football. That club is continuing to grow. The number of members is quite extraordinary. It has mixed teams, social teams, amateur teams, masters' teams, women's teams and National Premier League teams. The club currently has over 600 players and 800 members. Within Forrestfield it is the key focus of all the sporting grounds. If members know Forrestfield, the club's home base is Hartfield Park Recreation Centre. The facilities at Hartfield Park are probably some of the best in Perth for non-professional soccer players. There are some big challenges with space availability in that area, because soccer is so big. Hartfield Park is home to soccer, rugby league, rugby union, Aussie Rules football, cricket, and hockey at the back. There is also a bowling club and a tennis club. I have probably missed some. There is a lot of pressure on the sporting fields in the area.

Hartfield Park is part of a large area known as Mundy reserve, which has very significant Aboriginal heritage. As a result, it is quite difficult to create any additional space, because we need to protect the heritage of the area. A lot of important stories are told that include the Kalamunda area. They talk about "cala", which means fire. The person who was in charge of the Aboriginal community in the area, which was the second largest community in the Swan River region when Perth was settled, was a bloke by the name of Mundy, or Munda. They could see fires up on the hills, and they used to talk about "cala" as being fire and "munda" as being forest, so it ended up being known as Kalamunda. The area is very culturally significant, and we have to protect that, which means that we have to look at alternative ways of increasing the capacity of the sporting fields. The City of Kalamunda is quite proactive in investing in infrastructure for the area, and this government is as well. We have committed significant funds previously to improve the lighting in the area, and also to help with the development of the club and fix up the change rooms to cater for the women's side of it. There was also investment in the area from the previous Liberal-National state government, and the federal government has invested in the area as well. It is seen as a very important area.

In my view, it is extremely important that the FIFA Women's World Cup events are spread across the city as much as possible. Part of that is ensuring we have a training facility in the eastern suburbs and it is not all city-centric.

Mr W.J. Johnston: Queens Park!

Mr S.J. PRICE: The state-of-the-art facility of excellence should be somewhere in the mix by that stage, I imagine.

Ms M.M. Quirk: The Kingsway Regional Sporting Complex.

Mr S.J. PRICE: Yes. It is the eastern suburbs I was talking about, member for Landsdale—a new name.

That is another important part as well.

Just talking once again about some of the good stuff that we have done in the area, there was an election commitment from the Minister for Community Services about some of the local family centres. Prior to the Labor Party winning the 2017 election and coming into government, a program was put in place called empowering communities. That was a way of funding local community centres. However, not all the local family centres fitted into that funding model, so there was a need to provide additional funding. One of the things we did leading into the election was commit to provide funding to those centres that were about to run out of funding over the next four years, and also to help them develop the programs required to enable them to meet the funding requirements for that program. Woodlupine Family Centre is a big benefit to my community. It has been going for many years and provides a wonderful service to the local families in the area. The uncertainty about its future funding was certainly of concern to it and everyone who uses its services. To have that funding secured for the next four years certainly provides it with some confidence about the future, plus the additional assistance to ensure that it can meet the requirements for the empowering communities program going forward is also very important.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr S.J. PRICE: I wish to touch on greyhounds again. There has been a significant increase in the type of greyhounds that have been rehomed through programs that Racing and Wagering Western Australia has put in place to look after the welfare of greyhounds. It is great, though not the best. Like most things, there can be improvements. One of the things that we have always spoken about when talking about the groups that rehome and worry about the welfare of these greyhounds is some sort of inspectorate to monitor their welfare. A significant number of constituents in Forrestfield and many other electorates have adopted these greyhounds. The need to provide additional oversight on their welfare is very important and sought by a lot of people who are involved in the rehoming of greyhounds. The week before last, a petition with over 9 000 signatures was tabled in the other place. It called for an end to greyhound racing in Western Australia. A lot of animal-loving people in Western Australia feel very highly about that position. It is certainly something that we need to look at going forward. There are three greyhound racing tracks in WA, and we need to determine whether we need them going forward. Reviews into the welfare of animals and how safety can be improved on the tracks are being undertaken at the moment. All these things are good, but, ultimately, greyhounds are dealt with quite differently from any other pet. Greyhounds are viewed as entertainment animals. They sit in a separate category. The Animal Welfare Act 2002 has a limited application to greyhounds. They are treated very differently from any other domestic pet, which is part of the challenge. The act of making their race is challenging because they are made to race as opposed to run. They are trained in a way that makes them have to race. That has an effect on their behaviour as they get older. It is an interesting area. There is a growing awareness of how beautiful these dogs are and what wonderful pets they make. The more we can do to help their quality of life, the better.

I will finish where I started and thank all new members for their wonderful first speeches. As we have said numerous times, parts of those speeches will be quoted back to those members over the years. If they have the opportunity to make a valedictory speech at some point, they can look back at what they said and, hopefully, they will be able to tick all the boxes that they created for themselves along the way. On that note, I support the Address-in-Reply.

MR K.J.J. MICHEL (Pilbara) [3.03 pm]: I have come to the house to give my contribution to the Address-in-Reply. I would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we meet today, the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation. I pay my respects to their elders past, present and emerging.

I would like to congratulate Hon Michelle Roberts for her appointment as our Speaker. As has been pointed out, she is the first female Speaker to be appointed to this house. She will bring an understanding of parliamentary process to the role of Speaker that could only be gained through her near 30-year tenure in this house.

I would like to congratulate the Premier for his strong leadership during the last four years to secure the trust of people across WA. I would like to thank the Premier for his support throughout my first term and during the campaign. I would also like to thank him for officially launching my re-election campaign. My thanks to Ministers Stephen Dawson, Alannah MacTiernan, Bill Johnston, Paul Papalia, Rita Saffioti and Roger Cook for supporting my campaign.

I congratulate all new members elected to the forty-first Parliament. I am a firm believer that Parliament will serve its role more effectively the closer it reflects the demographics of the constituents we serve.

We have a record 28 lower house women MPs, a fact we should all be extremely proud of. I am proud of the fact that many cultures are also represented in this Parliament, including more Indian-born MPs of any Parliament across Australia than at any time. Congratulations to Dr Jags and Yaz. Congratulations, too, to all regional members. I would like to put on record that we now have more regional members than ever. We now have four Labor members representing the Mining and Pastoral Region. Congratulations to Peter Foster and Rosetta Sahanna. But most of all, I am proud and happy to be re-elected for a second term representing the Pilbara as part of the McGowan Labor government.

As the previous owner of a small business that operated throughout the Pilbara, I left my business to run for election in 2017 because I wanted to see the creation of local jobs in the Pilbara as a priority for the government. I wanted to be a local voice in a McGowan Labor government that always fights for local jobs for local Pilbara residents. I am proud of the local procurement and local contract requirements that our team has achieved over the past four years to make sure that our big industries hire locals and reduce the fly-in fly-out workforce.

We are delivering on the \$28 million renewable hydrogen strategy to position WA as a major producer and exporter of renewable hydrogen. With the recent announcement of the Engie–Yara project receiving federal Australian Renewable Energy Agency funding, I am proud that our state government has played a huge role in championing the exciting hydrogen industry. We are also supporting development of the emerging potash industry, including introducing a new rental rate for potash projects. The potash industry is another exciting industry that will create jobs and opportunities for Pilbara residents for decades to come. I am proud that we are actively supporting the industry. We are capitalising on the strength of our iron ore exports through the investment of \$20 million for Port Hedland's inner harbour to upgrade retaining walls and seawalls, and investing \$51.2 million for the Nelson Point tug haven to upgrade retaining and sheet pile walls as part of the WA Recovery Plan.

I am also proud of the investment that we have put into TAFE and local schools so that every local Pilbara resident has the pathway to a good job to reduce the FIFO workforce. Under the highly successful lower fees, local skills

initiative, the McGowan Labor government slashed fees to make training more affordable for locals after the price hikes by the previous Liberal–National government. The McGowan government has committed to invest \$22 million in the Pundulmurra South Hedland campus for a new workshop to expand training for trades tailored to meet resource sector requirements; \$5 million for a new classroom block at the Roebourne TAFE campus to expand and deliver training in more modern facilities; and \$270 000 for a National Disability Insurance Scheme training centre at the Karratha campus.

To build our local Pilbara schools for the future, the McGowan government has committed over \$55 million to build new classroom blocks; upgrade air conditioning; refurbish music halls; upgrade bitumen surfaces; build new classrooms, sports halls and four general learning classrooms; and refurbish STEM facilities, IT laboratories, home economic laboratories, the childcare occasional training room and the education support centre. There is \$42 million for the redevelopment of Roebourne District High School from kindergarten to secondary school. On top of all that, an extra \$14.3 million has been committed to Pilbara schools for maintenance upgrades and improvement works as part of our massive school maintenance blitz.

We have committed \$4 million for a residential facility in Newman to support Martu students from remote communities and \$3.5 million for new early childhood buildings for kindergarten and pre-primary school students at Wickham Primary School. I am proud to be part of the Labor government that is putting patients first in the Pilbara and ensuring that regional patients have access to quality health care closer to home. We have committed to invest \$6 million for an MRI unit at South Hedland hospital and another \$10 million to boost services at Karratha Health Campus, plus incentives for general practitioners to move to the Pilbara. We have invested \$2.7 million for the replacement of accommodation for Puntukurnu Aboriginal Medical Service staff in Jigalong; increased the patient assisted travel scheme accommodation subsidy to \$100 a night and increased PATS escort eligibility for people from vulnerable and disadvantaged groups, including women travelling to give birth.

I am proud that the McGowan Labor government has delivered \$310 million for the Manuwarra Red Dog Highway, with stage 3 completed and stage 4 set to commence in 2022; \$36 million for the realignment of Great Northern Highway near Port Hedland International Airport; \$54 million for the realignment of Marble Bar Road through Coongan Gorge; \$850 000 towards upgrades on the Roebourne–Wittenoom Road; \$10 million in 2020–21 to the regional road safety program to upgrade 85 kilometres of roads in the Pilbara; and \$120 million to upgrade and seal Marble Bar Road, which is an extremely vital road for many of our East Pilbara communities.

I am proud to deliver the local projects that our community has asked to be delivered for decades, including the Manuwarra Red Dog Highway, Spoilbank Marina and the new Newman hospital. There is one commitment that will have a huge benefit for many local Pilbara residents; namely, our commitment to invest \$19.8 million to cap airfares to Perth at \$299 one way. This issue was raised with me frequently. This initiative builds on the McGowan government's commitment to secure affordable airfares to Perth, which arose from the 2017 parliamentary inquiry into regional airfares.

I am proud that the people of the Pilbara have put their trust in me to deliver a comprehensive plan for the Pilbara, which we took to the election. I do not doubt that our government's response to the COVID-19 crisis had an impact on and swayed many constituents who would not normally vote for Labor to vote that way. However, in the past four years, I made sure that I constantly engaged with my community. I speak with everyone, even those people who do not like me for whatever reason. I strive to attend every event in my electorate. I cannot tell members how many times constituents across the Pilbara have been shocked that I would make the time to meet with them, something that the previous member failed to do.

There were some awful campaign stunts at the last election, with the Liberal and National Parties actively working together. The Nationals intimidated my volunteers in Hedland and took photos of me and my vehicle licence plate and posted them on social media to try to intimidate me. They were so arrogant that they did not send scrutineers to the booths on election day; rather, they were all going to a lavish election night party. The negative campaign launched by Gary Wightman in the *North West Telegraph* specifically targeted me, with the idea to bully and intimidate me about the West End dust issue. It backfired and had a positive result on my campaign. The Liberals constantly attacked our response to the COVID pandemic and their candidates tried to sabotage my campaign launch and intimidate my supporters. I am extremely proud of our volunteers, who did not give in to the Liberal and National Parties' persistent trolling and intimidation. We achieved an amazing result of a 30.1 per cent swing on first preferences.

I would like to thank campaign director, Stephen Dawson; my campaign manager, Ezra McKenna; and my core campaign team of my wife, Jacqueline, and Randy Surrao, Tricia Hebbard, Paul, Joseph Almonte and Dharam Pal. I thank them for their tireless efforts during the campaign. Without them, the small things that needed to be done would not have been completed. Ezra doorknocked with me whenever he could, organised volunteers and ran the day-to-day campaign extremely well. I thank Randy Surrao, who was willing to help me at a moment's notice. There was no job too big or too small for him. I would like to thank Tricia Hebbard for her fantastic effort in Hedland. She doorknocked with me and organised the booths and volunteers. I thank Paul Smith for his tireless doorknocking efforts during the campaign. I thank Peter Foster for joining me on the campaign trail in East Pilbara.

I would like to thank the fantastic booth captains, Randy Surrao, Phil Davies, Christy Reed, Sharyn Morrow, Tricia Hebbard, Kate Wilson, Kelly Howlett and Peter Pope in Hedland, and Will Hope and Sandy Tandy in Newman. Congratulations to Christy, her Nanna Betty, and the team for achieving a fantastic result at the Dampier booth.

We had a huge team of volunteers across every booth on election day and during the pre-polling. I would like to thank every one of my volunteers who helped me—Anita Surrao, Audrey McGee, Nathan Connelly, Lydia Pereira Connelly, Dave Joseph, Maria Joseph, Liz Robinson, Lindsey Robinson, Guy Shepard, Rozi Luthra, Dharam Pal, Stuart McLennan, Amy Studley, Chris Scott, Sammy Maphaka, Barry Harrison, Malcolm Parker, Peter Lynch, Jeremy Lynch, Tiyaba Yacoob Lynch, Betty Reed, Bill Messer, Jack Renault, Heather van den Rydt, Rheema Dhir, Juliet, Annie, Dyanand and Gordon, Lynda Cooper, Libby Gaunt, Robert Cheedy, Bruce Booth, MJ, Joseph Almonte, Jorge Landicho, Allan Juanchon, Melba, Maryanne, Geraldine Burgess, Shaun Burgess, Neil Bullen and the lads from the 6 Star Group.

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Last of all, thank you to the people of Pilbara for their faith in me. I will work hard to do my best for the Pilbara. Thank you.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Ms A. Sanderson (Minister for Environment)**.

House adjourned at 3.19 pm
