

**BLACK DOG INSTITUTE — CHARMAINE PARKER**

*Statement by Member for Armadale*

**DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale)** [1.53 pm]: I wish to draw the attention of Parliament to the efforts of Charmaine Parker from my electorate. Charmaine has said that she is truly blessed with everything she has and wants to give back. Charmaine is living out what she says. Charmaine is a young, vibrant 21-year-old woman who is taking on the challenge of running 1 550 kilometres from Karratha to Perth to raise funds for and awareness of the Black Dog Institute, which does work on fighting depression. On 1 May 2015, Charmaine will begin her journey from Karratha and finish in Perth. She will finish nearby at Jacob's Ladder in Kings Park; actually, she will finish the run by running up Jacob's Ladder, after running 1 550 kilometres. I strongly hope that the public of Western Australia will support Charmaine in her efforts to raise funds for the Black Dog Institute, and people can do so by going to [www.facebook.com/Runforit.Bdi](http://www.facebook.com/Runforit.Bdi). On Charmaine's Facebook page, she includes the following quote from Albert Einstein —

Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.

Charmaine is living a very worthwhile life and her efforts should be supported by members of the Western Australian public.