

FRAN HARMAN — RETIREMENT

Statement by Member for Mandurah

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [12.20 pm]: I rise to acknowledge and thank my long-term electorate officer, Fran Harman, who will retire tomorrow, Friday, 9 August 2013. Fran started working with me when I was elected on 10 February 2001 as member for Mandurah. Fran has worked with me continuously for the past 12 and a half years, but Fran has served Labor Party members for the past 30 years, having been a loyal electorate officer for former federal members Hon Wendy Fatin, MHR, and Hon Kim Beazley, MHR, the former member for Brand; and also the former President of the Legislative Council, Hon John Cowdell, MLC, before joining me. Indeed, Fran's involvement in the Labor Party commenced when she supported as a volunteer the second election campaign of the late Hon John Tonkin in the early 1970s.

Our electorate office staff are crucial to our role as members of Parliament. Fran has been my friend and loyal electorate officer, and always has given me wise counsel. Fran has developed a wonderful relationship with so many people in Mandurah as the front-line officer for my office. I will miss her immensely and I want to thank her so very much for being a loyal, wise, honest and efficient electorate officer and friend. I wish her all the very best for her retirement and I hope she gets to do all those things on her bucket list that she so richly deserves to enjoy.