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GAMING AND WAGERING LEGISLATION AMENDMENT BILL 2018

Second Reading

Resumed from 11 October.

MR W.R. MARMION (Nedlands) [3.46 pm]: I rise briefly to talk on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. This is a bill that I support and the opposition supports. Basically, it amends two acts, the Betting Control Act 1954—the year that I was born—and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987. The objective of this bill is to support a strong and sustainable racing industry, which is really important to Western Australia. Western Australia has a long history of a strong racing industry and it is certainly the objective of this bill and something that we should support. Another objective of this bill is to support responsible gambling practices in WA. They are the two principal objectives of the bill, which are exemplary objectives. The first key element of the bill is that it amends the racing bets levy scheme to the treatment of betbacks. Betbacks is a system that is used by bookmakers. If someone lands a big bet and the bookmaker does not have the capital to support that, they will reduce and off-load the risk of that bet with other bookmakers. That is a common thing that they need to do and means that they are not paying a levy on every single layoff bet.

Mr J.E. McGrath: They were paying the levy.

Mr W.R. MARMION: Yes, which does not make sense. That is a very good element of this particular bill.

I must confess that I am not a gambler, but when I was at university I hung around with people who were. That is why I know a little about betbacks, because the people I hung out with would explain it to me. Rod Evans the bookmaker was particularly good at that; it is a skill to be a good bookmaker. In those days they had to do some calculations in their head to work out whether they were going to make a profit on a race or not. Obviously, that is what they have to do. While they laid the bet, they got their offsider to run off to another bookmaker to lay it off. That was the practice. In decades gone, a lot of bookmakers were at the races.

Mr J.E. McGrath: The runners.

Mr W.R. MARMION: That is right. That was the name—the runner.

Another element of the bill amends the definition of “turnover” to provide that for a betting exchange the turnover is the net winnings of the race bets placed rather than the overall turnover of the customers’ bets. It is logical to clear that up and make sure that it is the net of the winnings. Otherwise, too much will be taken.

I have picked out three more elements of the bill. It will amend the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act to remove the prohibition on raffles conducted wholly or partly outside Western Australia to operate in Western Australia, provided that they are not for private gain or a commercial undertaking. Sporting clubs and charities will be able to conduct raffles right across Western Australia, even if they cut across different boundaries. That is something that we support. The bill will also enable the Gaming and Wagering Commission to prohibit non-Western Australian licensed providers from establishing remote gambling facilities in Western Australia by making it a specific offence. That means that eastern states operators will not be able to set up a premise in Western Australia that is outside the commissioner’s responsibility, which makes sense. In some other contributions to the debate on this bill, members talked about Lottoland. I will be interested in the minister’s response on that. I know he is talking to the Whip, but I am sure that he is listening to what I am saying in the background. Nowhere in the bill could I see where —

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Mr W.R. MARMION: I did not hear what you were saying.

Mr P. Papalia: I am rapt.

Mr W.R. MARMION: I was listening to the other speakers not that intently and they kept mentioning Lottoland. In my reading of the bill it addresses an operator outside Western Australia setting up an office facility or premise in Western Australia, but if there is an app and there is no facility in Western Australia, I am interested in whether there is some way of capturing that. That is what is happening in terms of the disruptive technology. I understand that a physical premise or facility cannot be set up in Western Australia, but I would be interested to hear the minister’s comment on how we might address that so that revenue does not go outside Western Australia. I understand that the commonwealth might have legislation about that.

Another fairly important area is that this bill specifically expands the Gaming and Wagering Commission’s powers to enable regulations to be introduced to ban advertising of live odds during prescribed sporting events at arenas

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and stadiums. I would be interested in the minister's comment on whether that can apply to television, because that is where I see it when I am watching a sporting event.

Mr P. Papalia: That's the responsibility of Australian Communications and Media Authority and it has already outlawed it. It is already illegal.

Mr W.R. MARMION: Good. I think the minister might want to mention that in his second reading reply. That would be handy.

I think this legislation's impact on the racing industry is all good news and the objective of supporting a strong and sustainable racing industry brings in the importance of TABs, which are small businesses in Western Australia. The sustainability of the industry at the moment relies on the TAB. In a recent presentation our shadow Minister for Racing and Gaming mentioned that a substantial amount of the prize money for races in Western Australia comes from a percentage of the TAB profits; hence the importance of the TAB. TABs are in my electorate. When I hung out with friends at uni who gambled, they would go to the TAB near Steve's on Broadway. In the 1970s it was quite full of punters. The member for Forrestfield might have known some of them! I noticed that over time the size of the TAB in Nedlands on Broadway got smaller. It is not in the same location now; it is a smaller facility in the Broadway Fair Shopping Centre.

When I was a lot younger there was a period in my life when I gambled, which might surprise the member for South Perth. In 1967 my father took us to the Kalgoorlie race round. We drove from Bunbury and went past Burekup on the way and went to the race round in Kalgoorlie. I was only 13 years old, but I could put bets on. It was the first time in my life I had ever gambled. They did not mind you putting bets on at the course if you were a kid.

Mr J.E. McGrath: It wouldn't have been legal!

Mr W.R. MARMION: I am sure that it was. I was not the only kid that did it. We pooled our pocket money and I remember leaving the round with \$5. I think I only had about \$1 in my pocket to start with. I thought gambling was the bee's knees because I had made a substantial amount of money. I happened to mention to someone that I bought a chemistry set with the money and it was commented in a negative context that —

Dr M.D. Nahan: You haven't changed much over the years, have you?

Mr W.R. MARMION: No. That is exactly right. Other people may have bought something else.

When I got back to my premises in Bunbury it turned out that a TAB was four houses up from our house, near the Parade Hotel. It turned out that it did not mind you putting bets on as a child as long as it was for your parents. Mum would have the occasional bet and I would walk to the Parade Hotel. The TAB was right next door and was only a small TAB. The house next door was leased from the TAB by Mrs Smith, who was the mother of the member for Bunbury, David Smith. Mrs Smith was up the road from us. I was 14 years old then and I could put bets on as long as it was not for myself. They knew that I was only putting money on for my mum.

Mr P. Papalia: I don't want to disturb the interesting anecdote, but at the outset of the second reading speech I talked about protecting the TAB. I know that there has been a lot of conflating of the discussion of the TAB, the point-of-consumption tax and this legislation. The only components of this bill that refer in any way to the racing industry in practical terms are betbacks and the net earnings for the turnover of bookmakers.

Mr W.R. MARMION: The betting exchange.

Mr P. Papalia: The betting exchange, yes. The rest of it is unrelated to the point-of-consumption tax and the TAB sale, not that the member would have known it from listening to the previous speakers.

Mr W.R. MARMION: Correct, but I am addressing the objective stated in the second reading speech.

Mr P. Papalia: I'm not disputing the member's ability, willingness or compliance with the standing orders in so doing. I'm just drawing it to his attention.

Mr W.R. MARMION: I realise that.

Mr P. Papalia: There is a lot of conflating of the two subjects.

Mr W.R. MARMION: The bigger picture is the support of the industry, which this legislation is trying to do. The TAB is part of the industry. I know that it is not specifically mentioned —

Mr P. Papalia: We're not talking about the TAB. It's the bookmakers.

Mr W.R. MARMION: No, but we are talking about "supporting a strong and sustainable racing industry". Those are the exact words the minister used in his second reading speech to outline the legislation's objective—which I applaud. It is a terrific objective. One element of that industry is the TAB, so it is related to the objective of the bill. It might be a bit of a side issue.

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Mr J.E. McGrath: It's a long bow.

Mr W.R. MARMION: I do not think it is that long; I think some other members' comments were a far longer bow.

Mr P. Papalia: Far longer bows were drawn last week!

Mr W.R. MARMION: That is right. I have a shorter bow than those people!

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr R.S. Love): It is beginning to be quite a long bow.

Mr W.R. MARMION: I had better finish the anecdote otherwise we will not have the finished story.

Mr P. Papalia: We won't know what happened.

Mr W.R. MARMION: Mrs Smith was probably the most famous person in Bunbury. In the 1960s and 1970s, she fed dolphins. Tourist buses would stop—as the Minister for Tourism would know—outside her house at four o'clock every evening. The tourists would come down and stand on her jetty, she would put her scoop net in the water, the dolphins would come in and she would feed them. The fish were provided free by the fishing industry in Bunbury because the dolphins brought tourists to Bunbury. It was terrific and it was great for Bunbury. It was on *Today Tonight*.

Mr P. Papalia: They still have dolphins coming in every night, but they're not allowed to feed them.

Mr W.R. MARMION: But what happened, member for South Perth? The TAB wanted to expand. It needed to expand because it was a bit small, so it decided that it was going to turf out Mrs Smith—David Smith's mum; an icon of Bunbury—from the leased house next door and make a decent-sized TAB, which is what it did and Mrs Smith lost her premises. The Town of Bunbury was concerned about the tourism side of things and made sure that a new jetty was built in Stirling Street, about 225 metres up the road closer to Bunbury. Mrs Smith moved into premises opposite the jetty.

Mr P. Papalia: Did the dolphins adapt to the move?

Mr W.R. MARMION: Not very well. The dolphins came at four o'clock every day without fail. There was never a time when they did not come, but when they moved the jetty just up the road, the dolphins were not as regular. It fell away bit and unfortunately when Mrs Smith passed away that was the end of it. The Dolphin Discovery Centre in Bunbury has taken over, but it is sad, having lived up the road, that the dolphins no longer came to our jetty.

That is just a little story about the TAB up the road that was a part of my life. We certainly support this bill and we look forward to interrogating it in more detail during consideration in detail.

MS J.M. FREEMAN (Mirrabooka) [4.02 pm]: I rise to speak on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I thank previous members who have spoken on this bill and particularly the minister for bringing this legislation before us. Importantly, this legislation deals with harm minimisation, but it also reinforces commonwealth actions that prohibit people betting on Western Australian, Australian or overseas lottery draw outcomes in which they do not participate. It is important that in Western Australia we make these very strong statements through our legislation and futureproof the state to protect our Lotterywest operations.

That is very important because many in our communities are greatly advantaged by Lotterywest grants. In 2017–18, Lotterywest delivered a total of \$260 million in grants, including \$104 million to 785 not-for-profit community organisations and local governments across Western Australia. Obviously, 785 is a really large number of organisations. Some of those grants—not very many of them—went to the Mirrabooka electorate to deliver very important services into the community. Food vouchers is one vital service. Members may or may not know that Lotterywest provides funding for emergency relief and food vouchers. Today, the Australian Council of Social Service's poverty report was released outlining that some 90 per cent of Newstart recipients are in poverty and have to find relief from many areas, such as the distributors of food vouchers. Members on this side of the chamber would like to see the federal government address that. It is not just social services and support groups that are calling for the Newstart allowance to clearly reflect the cost of living, but also many in the financial community, including, as I understand, Treasury, have said that the Newstart allowance is not adequate. Although we would never want to see a reduction in Lotterywest emergency funding and food vouchers, we know that they should be limited to those who are in the greatest need. When we have a social security system that is so poverty stricken that it constantly relies on other areas, including Lotterywest funding, to make ends meet, then we have a serious problem with our safety net. In fact, one could say that we have probably have a hole in our safety net that needs addressing.

I certainly welcome the federal Labor opposition's position that it will review the appropriateness of the Newstart allowance. It is particularly difficult for many older people in our community. People who have worked throughout their lives are made redundant, sometimes involuntarily, in their late 50s or their 60s and put onto the Newstart

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allowance, with the indignity of having to fill out workplace diaries to show that they have applied for positions. When they have contributed to our economy over the years, the amount of allowance is not really appropriate for those community members' needs. This is particularly the case for many people in the Mirrabooka electorate, where we still have over 20 per cent unemployment in areas such as Balga, Mirrabooka and Koondoola. The Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre gets around \$30 000 worth of food vouchers from Lotterywest each year. One of the staff said that without food vouchers many of the families that the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre assists would go hungry because they struggle to gain employment, and Newstart is not sufficient. The service recounted the story of a mother with seven children who fled her home due to domestic violence. The Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre was able to assist them by finding them a place to stay and providing those very important Lotterywest-funded food vouchers that got them through until they were able to access Centrelink assistance.

I think that if people realised that when they use these synthetic lotteries, like Lottoland, they undermine the health and wellbeing of our community, such as this mother and her seven children, and they might think twice and bet on Lotterywest instead of undermining that really valuable system. In Western Australia we are at a real advantage. I had the opportunity to read a bit of the federal *Hansard* on the debate on the changes to the Interactive Gambling Act.

I had a bit of a read of that. Other states have privatised or contracted out their lotteries, but they still ensure, in the legislation outsourcing the lotteries, that proceeds from the lotteries go to the community, and it is still vital in other parts of Australia.

Uniting Aid in Nollamara does really great work, providing food, clothing and counselling, working with people on the Newstart allowance and disability support pensions, refugees, people returning to the community from custodial sentences, Aboriginal people, homeless people, and grandparents who have responsibilities for grandchildren. Often they are in situations where they have become primary carers to the grandchildren, but they often do not report that because their children have other difficulties, such as drug and alcohol abuse. It is great to have this comprehensive caring service in the area. Uniting Aid gets \$115 000 from Lotterywest for emergency funding, particularly to assist people to pay for their car licences, for example, so that they can continue looking for work or getting their kids to school—those everyday costs that are difficult to meet. This is particularly true now that the Newstart allowance breaches so many people so easily because of its punitive mutual obligation rules. I recognise Uniting Aid volunteer Gaye Goddard. She has volunteered at the organisation for a decade, assisting marginalised people. Uniting Aid has been going for 36 years, and she has been there for 10 of those 36 years. Uniting Aid is particularly well loved in our community.

I recognise the grants for the Alexander Heights Seniors Club in 2014 for indoor bowling mats. I was able to try them out. The club would have had no capacity to raise the funds for those mats, having to rely on its members, but now it can bring in other clubs to compete with its members, which is a big event for them. Lotterywest has contributed more than \$2 million towards construction of community parkland at Princess Wallington Reserve. That will be a great recreational precinct in Balga, and play a big part in the rejuvenation of the area. Members opposite would have some knowledge of the *Ishar* Multicultural Women's Health Centre, because its chief executive officer was the Liberal candidate for Mirrabooka in 2013, and would know that it is an excellent service to women in our community, particularly around domestic violence. The centre has a health worker and a doctor and a vast array of other services. I was down there the other day during its professional development day, doing some stuff around goals and planning, and it was really great to be there. The centre got \$35 000 in October 2007 towards updating its website and social media presence, and upgrades for support services to women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

Sudbury Community House is a neighbourhood house. We are really lucky to have a neighbourhood house in the Mirrabooka area. It is a vital service, ensuring that people have that community connection, a sense of belonging, and the capacity to deal with many of the issues facing them, particularly with high unemployment and low socioeconomic status. It received a \$12 000 grant to fund an information technology upgrade. That equipment helps it to deliver community programs including adult learning courses, parenting courses, and leadership classes for women re-entering the workforce. The grant also assists the centre's vacation care program, working to keep kids off the street with cooking courses and discos. If it did not have this equipment it would be much more difficult to connect with the community. Just having the equipment enables the house to hire out the rooms, because it has to be an ongoing concern, as a neighbourhood house, delivering into the community and maintaining the building. The centre loves dealing with Lotterywest, as so many of the organisations do. It is easy and supportive. The house is looking forward to seeing whether it receives a grant to repair and refurbish its outdoor playground, including a sensory area and wheelchair access for children with disabilities. It has not yet been granted, but I have put in a plug for it.

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The Edmund Rice Centre does great work, on the sporting field and in leadership programs, with youth at risk. Every year it is provided with a grant from Lotterywest for its harmony camp, which is a program to bring together refugees and mainstream Australians. It has been doing that for the past 12 years. Through the grant, the centre is able to pay for accommodation, and it takes about 100 people away. I am yet to make it to one of the camps—they keep putting them on when I am not around—but everyone who has ever attended has had a great time. I think they get students from either Hale School or Scotch College, whose families go along with a bunch of newly arrived kids and families, and they do a lot of work on intercultural understanding and sharing. That is a real model for how we should be growing and understanding in awareness of the broad scope that Australia has become. The centre obtained two buses through Lotterywest, essentially to support clients. Lotterywest is the only organisation that really gives that sort of grant for capital equipment. The buses are used for picking up and dropping off children for activities, for excursions, and helping to get people to this camp. They take people to the war memorial, Sculpture by the Sea and life skills. It is really important in making people aware of the broader metropolitan area many people live in. I have told this story before, although it is not a Lotterywest story, but it tells us how important it is to have these facilities such as the buses. A school in my electorate—one of the schools that has 72 different languages spoken—took some children on an excursion, and when they got to the Narrows Bridge, one of the kids asked if they were entering a different country, because they had never been into the city of Perth before they were taken on that bus. It is important for newly arrived communities and the communities that live in the area I represent. I have said in this place before that in Mirrabooka and Balga 52 per cent of community members are born overseas, and 64 per cent have one parent born overseas, so it is a particularly diverse area that relies on the capacity to work with these sorts of facilities to feel at home, included, and a part of our community, so that they can contribute to it.

[Member's time extended.]

Ms J.M. FREEMAN: The Edmund Rice Centre has had refurbishment grants and they have been crucial to the level of service that the Edmund Rice Centre has been able to provide. When I asked the centre about Lotterywest, it said that one of the important things about Lotterywest is that it holds the applicants accountable. They need to justify the needs for the funding and do due diligence. The deputy director at the centre said to me that it ensures no money is wasted and only deserving organisations are funded. I think it is really important to recognise that. Again, if the people out there who like to punt on lotteries knew the importance of Lotterywest funding and how good it is at ensuring that that money is not wasted, perhaps they would not be drawn to the lure of the quick buck through synthetic lotteries.

Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Resource Centre is another great organisation in the area, and it received \$124 000 from Lotterywest this year. That is important because it works consistently with kids at risk. It runs an Ironbark project with over-45s. It runs a domestic violence program. It also runs a leadership program and a walking program. It is looking at running a culture in the backyard program, and the executive officer at Wadjak Northside Aboriginal Resource Centre says that "Lotterywest is our hope for our future and our kids". I want to go back to the Metropolitan Migrant Resource Centre, which has just received \$135 000 for an IT upgrade for new computers and a new email server. That will mean that it is better able to deliver its services, which are humanitarian settlement services in the area.

It is a lot of money into the area and there have been others. It seems appropriate, given the demographics of the people who buy Lotterywest products; it tends to be drawn from lower income and lower socioeconomic groups such as in the Mirrabooka area. The community as a whole, including those in low socioeconomic areas, is able to get itself some entertainment and a wish for the future. People say that they have the lotto dream and think about what they would do if they won the money, but meanwhile it contributes to their community.

I just send a salutary message; I have said it in this place before. My grandmother is up there—wherever—in the ether, and when she was here in her —

Dr D.J. Honey: Her mortal form.

Ms J.M. FREEMAN: Yes, when she was with us on the earth in her mortal form, she used to tell us kids that we would never be able to win the lottery because her sister-in-law won \$1 million in the old days of the lottery and that spoiled her; that ruined her. She could never go to the bingo without everyone looking at her thinking: why is she here to do the bingo? She became a recluse. When she passed away, my great-aunt's side of the family got the proceeds of that win. I am surprised that the member for Nedlands did not share his story about that, but my grandma used to say that it would be over her dead body if we won the lottery, and now that she has passed, I think she is up there in the ether still thinking that it will be over her dead body that we will win a lottery. I have not tried my luck, but maybe I will one day.

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I want to talk about how Lotterywest has also built great infrastructure in our community through Lotteries House. The member for Pilbara spoke about the newly refurbished Karratha Lotteries House, which was done recently. There are also facilities in Esperance, Armadale, Gosnells, Nedlands, Broome, Joondalup, Geraldton, Mandurah, Mt Claremont, Carnarvon, Kalgoorlie, South Hedland, Albany, Claisebrook and West Perth, but not in Mirrabooka. Given the sort of community that exists in Mirrabooka, I have argued and will continue to argue for a Lotterywest grant so that we can also have a Lotteries House. Hopefully, I will work with the community very shortly to put in for that.

I want to raise a really serious issue around lotteries. I have gone through very clearly some of the great organisations that it has contributed to, but the Muslim community cannot access Lotterywest grants. They cannot access lotteries grants because there is a real argument that it is haram, which means prohibited, because gambling is prohibited. There is some debate in the community, of which I am clearly not a part, that we could use some lotteries grants for the poor, but we certainly could not use them for any infrastructure. There is the case of a falling-down mosque in London in the United Kingdom. Local authorities were basically saying that they would give them lotteries funding to fix it, but they could not take it. This is really important now that Healthway and Lotterywest are so closely aligned. We have just had the announcement that Professor Peter Klinken, AC, will take the helm as Lotterywest and Healthway chairperson and we congratulate him on his appointment. I think he will do a great job in that area, but we need to maintain Healthway as a source of income for grants and running events and other aspects for communities that are absolutely opposed to taking money from gambling. It is not only Muslim communities. Some strong Christian communities would also be very averse to taking money from gambling. When we scratch a scratchy, we do not necessarily think it is gambling. However, it is a real issue for many people in the community that there is this pot of community-based money, but it is not accessible to a large part of the community. In Mirrabooka, 21 per cent of the population is Islamic, so a large part of the community does not have access to that.

Lotterywest is a major contributor to, and was a founding partner of, Fringe World Festival. As Marcus Canning says in the recently released “Fringe World: 2018 Impact Report: Perth, Western Australia”, Lotterywest enabled it to buy the first Spiegeltent in which to house the pilot season, and it has grown from there. I have criticised the fringe festival in this place. I will openly say that I have a difficulty with the Fringe World model, but I congratulate Fringe World on its 2018 impact report. I think it goes a long way towards ensuring that there is transparency. The previous reports have been somewhat opaque. I still think that it needs to give more detail about what artists we will see return. I was particularly interested in the impact report’s comments on the JumpClimb failure when it went into receivership. Artists lost around \$200 000. That amount was owed to artists, alongside a large array of other production and event services, so clearly a lot more money was lost.

The thing about JumpClimb is that it was a subcontractor. We all love to go and see the Fringe World Festival, but when we go to the Perth Festival or when we see something at the theatre, those people are directly employed by the company and are paid under the award. They are paid good and valued wages and they have good conditions. Fringe World sees artists as a small business and it says that they take the risk. It says that within this model, participants, like any small business, self-starter or entrepreneur, need to be responsible for budgeting and appropriately managing all aspects of their season and marketing their work. That is the nature of Fringe. It takes 32 per cent of the box office and it says that that is modelled on the lowest rate for viability. I note that it uses the Adelaide Fringe software. In dealing with some of the issues, Adelaide Fringe has ensured that the proceeds of tickets go directly to the artists as soon as the show is finished; there is no lag, which was the problem for JumpClimb. JumpClimb suddenly went to another model. Fringe World subcontracts to artists as a small business, but JumpClimb contracted to another company that subcontracted to the artists. I do not know whether anyone got down to the Noodle Palace. It was horrible; it was terrible. It closed. The 2018 report refers to how horrible it was. JumpClimb was clearly making money hand over fist, yet artists are \$200 000 out of pocket and other ancillary workers are even more so. I thank Fringe World for advancing the \$85 000 from the 32 per cent takings of the box office directly to the artists affected. Although I think its vision for Fringe World to embed it in the hearts and minds of Western Australians and its mission to build the world’s strongest Fringe festival is great, and the \$1.87 million from Lotterywest for the 2018 festival was great, there is some work to do.

To finish, I congratulate Matt Penny for *Find the Lady*, the 2018 winner of the Fringe World Festival Blaz Award, which honours Perth playwright George Blazevic, who passed away in 2016. I saw it. He was great. If members ever get the chance to see *Find the Lady*, it is hilarious, well-performed and truly deserving of the award.

MRS L.M. O'MALLEY (Bicton) [4.32 pm]: I rise to add my contribution to the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018, which amends the Betting Control Act 1954 and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987 to implement the McGowan Labor government’s policy of supporting a strong and sustainable racing industry and responsible gambling practices in Western Australia. The Gaming and Wagering

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Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 contains significant measures to help minimise harm caused to people through gambling. This bill acknowledges the federal Parliament's recent amendment to the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 to prohibit betting on the outcome or a contingency of Australian and overseas lottery draws. Ultimately, those betting operators throughout Australia who offer betting on the outcome of lotto will no longer be able to offer that wagering product and associated contingencies once the amendments come fully into operation.

As noted in the second reading speech, this bill complements the federal amendments and enables an immediate response to future undesirable betting products entering the public domain. It amends the Betting Control Act 1954 to make provision for the Gaming and Wagering Commission to prescribe prohibited events and contingencies that can be bet on. Both these measures are vital to safeguard the health and wellbeing of at-risk and vulnerable members of our community, as are essential mechanisms to ensure the ongoing capacity of Lotterywest to provide funding to community and sporting groups and not-for-profit organisations in support of the vital work they do across this vast state of Western Australia, including those that make a positive contribution to the people of my electorate of Bicton.

I was interested to hear the member for Mirrabooka's anecdotes about some of her memories of her family members and their attitude towards lotto. It reminded me of some of my family members and how they become incredibly unreasonably angry when they do not win lotto after investing their hard-earned funds in a slikipik on a Saturday. My point is that the great Western Australian tradition of buying a lotto ticket on the weekend will not result in all of us becoming prize winners, but the Lotterywest grants mean that all of us in WA certainly do win on lotto.

Today I want to talk particularly about two aspects of the bill—that is, the safeguarding measures to minimise the harm from gambling and the opportunities that Lotterywest provides with funding. I begin by considering the amendments in the bill that include provisions for addressing concerns relating to undesirable betting products and restrictions on the advertising of live odds during events. These are incredibly important features set in place to safeguard vulnerable individuals, including young people. Young people are particularly vulnerable to advertising, which suggests that participating in gambling conveys a certain status amongst peers or that having a bet can make someone feel part of the popular sporty crowd. The desire to belong is particularly powerful in young people, especially amongst young men. As a mum with a 16-year-old son, I am all too aware of this need to belong and the risk-taking behaviour that can accompany it. Gambling advertising is everywhere and it is changing the way young people see sport. Excessive sports betting advertising can make it seem as though gambling is normal and that sport is all about the odds and not about the game. When something feels normal, the risks are often not considered and people can end up experiencing harm. Young people can be especially at risk of harm from gambling. The way in which gambling is understood by young people today is very different from that of previous generations, and advertising and gaming have a lot to do with this. According to the Victorian Responsible Gaming Foundation, this is why teens think that betting and sport go together. Sports betting advertising can make it seem as though people need to bet on sport to make it interesting. Seventy-five per cent of teenagers think that gambling is a normal part of sport. Teens think that everyone is doing it. Teens feel enormous pressure to fit in. Like drinking, smoking and sex, the normalisation of sports and gambling means that teens might assume that everyone is doing it more than is really the case. Teens do not appreciate the risks. The ads our teenagers are watching make it seem as though betting on sports carries no risk. Terms such as “cash back” and “The Fold” make it seem as though they cannot lose. Gone are the days when people had to bet with cash at the TAB. Phones make it easy for anyone to bet.

Although low levels of gambling might seem safe for older children and teenagers, and some teenagers may gamble as part of trying out new experiences, it is important to note that gambling in childhood increases the risk of having a gambling problem in adulthood. About one-third of adult problem gamblers who seek treatment started gambling when they were 11 to 17 years old. Teenagers who gamble are at greater risk of other harmful behaviour. This includes antisocial behaviour; school truancy or poor school achievement; smoking, binge drinking and drug use; higher rates of depression and anxiety; and loss of friendships with non-gambling peers. I have personal experience of watching a family disintegrate from gambling addiction in the small country town where I grew up, so I think it is incredibly important that the minister has included these safeguards within the bill. It is for these reasons, amongst others, that I sincerely thank the minister for the inclusion of these safeguards. They are an important feature of the bill.

I would also like to take this opportunity to reflect on the importance of the parts of the bill that enable Lotterywest to continue its invaluable funding of community and sporting groups and not-for-profit organisations. Without this vital funding, many wonderful initiatives and community groups may be unable to continue their work.

In 2017–18, Western Australians won prizes totalling \$463 million. As a Western Australian government statutory authority, this means that apart from the prizes to players, operating costs and the commission paid to retailers, the

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balance of the money spent on Lotterywest games is returned to the Western Australian community. Public hospitals and the state's health services, sporting organisations, arts and cultural groups and thousands of not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities are all winners from our lottery. This amounts to approximately a third of every dollar spent on lottery products being returned to Western Australians. Lotterywest is without doubt an incredibly important funding stream for our local communities, and one that is very worthy of protection.

In conclusion, I would like to highlight one such initiative supported by Lotterywest grants that will have very positive impacts on my community of Bicton and beyond. Melville-based not-for-profit organisation ConnectGroups WA recently received a Lotterywest grant for a community information booth at Fiona Stanley Hospital. The booth at Fiona Stanley Hospital is designed to connect patients at the discharge point to community support services that will enable them to manage their conditions and avoid re-hospitalisation. The first of its kind, the booth is integral to individuals, families and carers who require emotional and physical support upon departure from the hospital premises. Patients and those who support them can visit the booth to access information and resources about their condition and locate local support groups and services aligned with their health and mental health needs. The booth is a collaborative initiative by ConnectGroups–Support Groups Association WA and the Health Consumers' Council WA. It was the result of an identified need to reduce the high rate of preventable hospitalisations in Western Australia. It is a wonderful example of the importance of Lotterywest funding to my communities in Bicton and across our state.

I thank the minister for including harm minimising measures in the bill as well as mechanisms to protect vital community funding opportunities. I congratulate him on these important reforms. I commend the bill to the house.

MR S.A. MILLMAN (Mount Lawley) [4.42 pm]: Like other members, I rise to make a contribution to the debate this afternoon on this important bill, the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I would like to bring a few things before the chamber this afternoon in the time that is allowed. Once again, we see the McGowan government demonstrating its acuity and sense of justice and fairness in legislating for the benefit of the Western Australian community. I want to talk predominantly about how this legislation has a positive effect and impact on my community in Mt Lawley. The best way for me to do that is to do a couple of things. Firstly, I would like to talk about the benefit that Lotterywest brings to our community. Secondly, I want to talk about how the way in which Western Australians engage with Lotterywest in its current form really builds a sense of community. In this day and age, building that sense of community is so important.

Many members have made valuable contributions to this debate and I thank them for that. In the time I have, I will go through some of the Lotterywest grants that were made in Mt Lawley, into the local neighbourhood suburbs of Mt Lawley, Yokine, Coolbinia, Menora and Dianella over the last 12 months, to give members in this chamber a flavour of the sort of good work that can be achieved and promoted by these Lotterywest grants. Most of these organisations are not-for-profit organisations or community organisations staffed by volunteers who are just doing their bit in order to make our community that much better, friendlier and vibrant. Members will be well aware that I said in my first speech in this place that one of the great attributes of the state seat of Mount Lawley is the vibrancy of the local community. The grants that have been allocated in the past year by Lotterywest that I want to enliven and inform members about this afternoon fall into four key categories: grants that were given to playgroups and early childhood organisations in order to promote pedagogical development and early childhood development; grants that were given to environmental groups in order to promote love and care for our natural environment; and grants that were given to senior citizen groups in order to provide for the significant retirement community that is located in the seat of Mount Lawley. They were grants that were given to advocacy support groups—groups that are designed to try to assist people who are facing very difficult trials and tribulations. In that order, I wonder if I could illuminate the chamber on some of those grants and where they were allocated.

I will deal with the playgroups first. Just last month it was a great privilege to welcome both the Premier and the minister to the electorate of Mount Lawley to visit the services that are on offer at Mt Lawley Toy Library. Mt Lawley Toy Library was the recipient of a grant from Lotterywest. This toy library has been in existence for decades. In fact, academics at the University of South Australia have written a history of Mt Lawley Toy Library, tracing its roots from its current location at Ranger Road in Yokine all the way back to when it used to meet at the Beaufort St Community Centre on Beaufort Street in Mt Lawley. Mt Lawley Toy Library received an allocation from Lotterywest towards educational play equipment to support early childhood development of young children in the Mt Lawley area. Mt Lawley Toy Library was such a worthy recipient of a Lotterywest grant because of all the great work put into the organisation by volunteers. Hardworking, dedicated people such as Rebecca Dunstan, Katie McGregor and Meg Walsh give of their time voluntarily to promote, run, organise and bequeath this organisation to the people in our neighbourhood.

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In addition to that contribution by Lotterywest, another great contribution was made to the Perth Hebrew Congregation. This is the congregation for running the synagogue in Menora. The contribution from Lotterywest was used towards a nature play space and sensory garden that will enhance early childhood development. The Perth Hebrew Congregation is Western Australia's oldest Jewish congregation. As members would know, it has been an integral part of the Perth Jewish community for the best part of the last 130 years. For a significant period, this congregation was presided over by Emeritus Rabbi Dovid Freilich. The current shepherd of the flock is Rabbi Dan Lieberman and the president of the synagogue is Michael Sebbag. All these gentlemen make a fantastic contribution to the local Jewish community and to our wider Western Australian community with the work and the effort that they put in. This fantastic playground beside the synagogue has been enhanced by this contribution from Lotterywest.

I now turn to Menora Playgroup. The electorate of Mount Lawley is blessed to have the fantastic Alexander Park Tennis Club. I was at Alexander Park Tennis Club on Saturday for the launch of the new tennis season. I see the member for Roe is smiling. I am sure he has enjoyed a game of tennis at the Alexander Park Tennis Club. He knows, as I do, that on Friday night at the Tennis West awards that were held to celebrate all the achievements in tennis in Western Australia, the president of Alexander Park Tennis Club, Ceri Wagnell, and the club were worthy recipients of awards. The president, Ms Wagnell, was awarded best volunteer in tennis in Western Australia for the past year. For the second year in a row, and for the fourth time over the past seven years, Alexander Park Tennis Club was awarded the best tennis club in Western Australia. I commend Alexander Park Tennis Club. I raise it because as well as being a fantastic tennis club, Alexander Park is also the location of Menora Playgroup. Lotterywest made a contribution to Menora Playgroup towards toys and equipment to support children's early learning.

The next category of recipients is environmental groups, and there is a fantastic organisation located in Yokine in the electorate of Mount Lawley called Millennium Kids. I want to place on the record the degree to which I am impressed and inspired by the work of Catrina Aniere. She is responsible for coordinating Millennium Kids. For members who are not aware, for more than 22 years Millennium Kids has empowered thousands of young people to have their say on the environment, leading to hundreds of inspiring youth-led initiatives that have contributed significantly to the environment and communities in Western Australia and beyond. The Millennium Kids philosophy is that the world needs problem solvers and innovators ready to meet the challenges of the future; I suspect that we in Parliament can learn from that sentiment. Young people have the creative ideas and innovative thinking we need right now. Millennium Kids is a not-for-profit youth organisation that empowers young people with a skills-for-life approach so they can become leaders and change agents in their communities.

Millennium Kids was also a recipient of a Lotterywest grant last year. Next month it will be holding a fundraiser in the electorate of the member for South Perth, at the Grand Cygnet Cinema. Last year Millennium Kids interviewed more than 500 young people about trees; they want more. They want to cool the planet, and they are asking us to help them launch the Green Lab project on 4 November 2018. Donors can be inspired by their passion and commitment to a greener, cooler world. I commend the work of Millennium Kids. This is an organisation that is a worthy recipient of money from Lotterywest.

There are also senior citizens groups. I mentioned in my inaugural speech the fantastic retirement communities we have in Menora and Dianella, one of which is the Ashlar Glen Retirement Village. I was very pleased to see that Ashlar Glen was a recipient of equipment for seniors to participate in community-led recreational activities. Once again, members can see precisely what I am talking about here: an emphasis on building better communities. I was very pleased to see Ashlar Glen receive a Lotterywest grant, along with the Probus Club of Perth Inc. Any Rotarians in the chamber will be well aware of Probus; I see Mr Acting Speaker (Mr I.C. Blayney) is a Rotarian, so he will be aware of the fantastic work Probus does. The Dianella Districts Combined Probus Club, combined with the vibrant Rotary clubs we have in the Mount Lawley electorate, were the worthy recipients of IT equipment for use by senior citizens with visual impairment in Dianella.

There are also advocacy support groups. I spoke at length earlier in the year about how proud I was of the fact that the McGowan Labor government was to remove the statute of limitations for victims of child sex abuse. I was incredibly pleased to see that Phoenix Support and Advocacy Service Inc on Walcott Street, Mt Lawley—a terrific advocacy and support group with which I am meeting next month—was also a recipient of a Lotterywest grant.

Members can see from this brief illustration just how important Lotterywest is as an institution within Western Australia that plays a key role in building our communities, social cohesion and social interaction. But it is not just about the contribution that Lotterywest makes to these worthy recipients; it is also about David. David runs Mt Lawley News on Beaufort Street, and his small business is a hub in our community. There is nothing quite like it. He is around the corner from my office, so when I leave my office in the morning I walk out the front door, grab a coffee from Ollie and then I head down to see David. David is also a dry-cleaning agent, so I drop my dry cleaning off with him and we talk about the events of the day. People are coming and going, sharing their stories,

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sharing their experiences, and David provides a hub for our local community where people can come together and exchange their ideas and gossip and catch up with one another.

Right from the outset I said to David, "I'm your local member. What can I do to help you?" He said, "Mate, you've got to do something about Lottoland, because so much of our business is connected to people coming in and buying lotto tickets. If nothing is done about Lottoland, it will eat us alive." I watched as he struggled to promote and maintain his business and do all the great things that a small businessman and entrepreneur does to make sure he can continue to make a dollar. It was a terrific effort on his part. He was so concerned about the effects of Lottoland that he raised a petition to make people aware of the consequences of what was happening in that marketplace. In common with every Lotterywest kiosk owner, David loves it when there is a jackpot because it generates so much more activity for his newsagency. People come from far and wide with their lotto dreams, as mentioned by the members for Bicton and Mirrabooka. The great corollary of this legislation is that it provides support and encouragement to people like David. When I spoke in my inaugural speech about how important it was to support small businesses on Perth's most famous street, Beaufort Street, it was businesses like David's that I had in mind. I am incredibly proud to be part of the government that is introducing this legislation, which is designed to support people in his circumstances.

Before I draw my contribution to a close, I would like to talk about one final, really interesting grant recipient, and I will take a bit of time on this one because I think it is quite fascinating. In my inaugural speech I spoke at length about how proud I was to represent a community as diverse as Mt Lawley, and I spoke about our significant Jewish community. I celebrate that diversity, and I think we all celebrate that diversity in Western Australia and recognise the important contribution the Jewish community has made in Mt Lawley, Coolbinia, Menora, North Perth and Dianella. The last grant recipient I want to talk about is an organisation known as the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of Western Australia.

I received an email from Helena Cohen Robertson. I had become aware of her work because a friend of mine, Colin Rockman, runs an organisation called Living in Retirement. He brings people from the community together to hear speakers, listen to ideas, share a cup of coffee and share some community time. I was at Dianella Plaza shopping centre and saw Colin there. I was talking to him about the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society and he said, "Actually, I've just been interviewed by the woman who's running it, for an oral history project she is doing called 'Know Your Nation'". I spoke to Michelle Urban, who runs the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society, and she put me in touch with Helena Cohen Robertson, who was the woman who interviewed Colin for the Know Your Nation project. She sent me an email, in which she said this —

Know Your Nation was engaged by JHGS to record the stories and memories of as many Jewish people as possible, who currently live in Perth, for a budget of \$15,000.

This was a recipient of a Lotterywest grant. It continues —

The project ran from February this year.

Recordings finished in late September and the transcripts are now being finalised (and will be by the end of November). Aside from two, all participants' names were identified by JHGS and passed to us for contact.

Story capture sessions usually lasted for 45 min to an hour and were held at the local progressive synagogue over cups of tea. They were almost all one-to-one. The aim was for very informal style conversation between storyteller and story capturer in order to encourage an intimate space for sharing. Some storytellers were keen to share as much of their lives as possible and returned several times for additional sessions to tell their whole story. Others were happy with one session, in which they shared their childhood memories or perhaps ended up sharing summarily about memories and stories from their whole life. Some people brought with them historical photographs and documents from their personal collection to discuss during their session. Copies of each were taken and will be added to the transcript for completeness.

In total stories from 36 people, aged between 34 and 94, were captured in over 3,645 minutes of recorded audio. Each moment of the audio will be transcribed.

Copies of all audio and transcripts will be archived with JHGS, and a copy provided to the State Library of WA. Storytellers will be provided with a copy of all of their content for their families to treasure.

Stories and memories covered the late nineteenth century to today and the main themes included:

- immigration and the experience of being a child of migrant parents
- exploration of the evolution of traditional Jewish customs over the decades

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- the experience of being firmly part of two communities: the Jewish community in Perth, centred around the North Perth/Mt Lawley/Dianella/Yokine/Coolbinia area and simultaneously part of the broader Perth community as Australians

- anti-semitism

- raising Jewish children in Perth

- more generally: education, hobbies, love and relationships, career, travel etc.

The project is an important one because these stories provide invaluable insight to the community's history and traditions, that would therefore otherwise be so hard to come by. The majority of those, who gave their stories, are seniors. Now we have captured a copy of their memories we can preserve them for their families, the future Jewish community and the future community of Perth to enjoy. Further, because of the heartfelt, humorous and insightful anecdotes obtained through the project, a lot of this social history could easily be shared with the community in interesting, digestible ways in the future, to assist with the community's understanding of this history and for encouraging community ownership and shared experience of the history.

Know Your Nation is an initiative that captures people's stories and memories and then shares them with the community in interesting and innovative ways. Our goals are to encourage the community to engage with its history and to encourage interaction across generations. A key driver is to preserve cultural heritage.

Not one person in this place can disagree with the sentiment, objectives and ideals of that exercise, and how proud can we all be that this work has been enabled through the generosity of the entire Western Australian community through its Lotterywest grants. It makes a massive contribution to that fundamental tenet on which I introduced my contribution this afternoon—that Lotterywest is an integral part of the community of Western Australia and helps to enhance, develop and grow that community. I would like to finish on one final thing.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr S.A. MILLMAN: Many volunteers do a great job for the organisation that they are passionate about. Members across the chamber have alluded to those organisations in their contributions to this debate. They are cultural organisations such as the Jewish Historical and Genealogical Society of Western Australia; early childhood development organisations such as the Mt Lawley Toy Library, the Menora Playgroup or the Perth Hebrew Congregation; and sporting clubs and associations such as the Alexander Park Tennis Club or the Mt Lawley Inglewood Roos Junior Football Club. It was a great pleasure to welcome Lucy Westcott, an employee of Lotterywest, together with representatives from Healthway and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries to Yokine Bowling Club, a place that I have mentioned often in this chamber. A couple of weeks ago Yokine Bowling Club hosted us for a grants information session that our office had put on. The purpose of this grants information session was to identify to the community ways in which they could apply to organisations such as Lotterywest, Healthway and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for that little extra bit of capital to help them with that project that they had not been able to finalise despite all the hard work, effort and fundraising of these groups had put into it. The take-up rate from the community groups, sporting clubs and cultural and religious organisations within the electorate of Mount Lawley was terrific and the engagement with the presenters from Lotterywest, Healthway and the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries was fantastic. Every participant with whom I spoke left that forum feeling as though they were more informed about the process. It went so far that when I was at the annual general meeting for the Mt Lawley Roos on the weekend, the President put out to the community, "How can we formulate the way in which we do our work to facilitate the making of a grant application to Healthway? Is it by providing healthy options across the canteen on match days, or to Lotterywest by getting access to facilities or promoting women's participation in junior Australian Rules football?" My view is that that completes the circle. Right at the start, all these fantastic community organisations put in time and such a wonderful effort to contribute to the vibrancy and the liveliness of our local neighbourhood. We then have the sporting clubs that they participate in and the support that they receive from organisations such as Lotterywest. Then we come past David at Mt Lawley News, that hub of the community that provides a beating heart of what is going on in our local neighbourhood. We come all the way around and back again, when people say, "What can we do better in order to contribute back into the community, not just for our little sectional interest within the community, but for the whole community of Mt Lawley, and in some instances for the whole community of Western Australia?" That is why it gives me great pleasure to stand and speak on this bill. It gives me great pride to be part of a government that sees the importance of Lotterywest and puts in place legislation that is designed to protect it. I commend the McGowan government, the minister and this legislation to the house.

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MR I.C. BLAYNEY (Geraldton) [5.05 pm]: I rise to speak on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I want to commend Lotterywest for the work it does. It does a fantastic job. We could go as far as calling it a state treasure. My experience of dealing with its staff on the phone when people are trying to get money from it is fantastic as well. The member for Mirrabooka triggered for me some work that I have had to do with religious organisations, both churches and the mosque, trying to get money for them. In many ways, as a community group, they do not get treated equally in the case of Lotterywest funding, because we earmark Lotterywest funding for various purposes, and if an organisation has a problem with gambling, no other funds are available to them. The counterargument I have had put to me is that they do not gamble, so how can they expect to get any of the money back for their organisation? The fact is that there is nowhere else, so that is where they get sent every time. In the case of—I will declare an interest in my own church—the Anglican Diocese of North West Australia, which is the largest Anglican diocese in the world by physical area, only two of its 16 parishes are, if you like, cash-flow positive. All the rest of them have to be supported outside, predominantly from Sydney. The diocese has a lot of older buildings. For example, there are obvious cases around Geraldton, but if members have ever been to Roebourne and walked up the hill behind the back of Roebourne, they would have seen quite an old Anglican church built right on top of the hill. That would be one of the many churches that needs funds, and obviously the capacity of that area to help maintain a building like that would be very low, or, as I have seen in the case locally, if it was a choice between accepting money from Lotterywest or letting the building go—demolition by neglect—the church would rather choose to let the building go. In a lot of cases these buildings are quite important to our heritage and should not be let go. Our cathedral in Geraldton needs about \$1 million to replace its roof and it does not have the money.

I had an interesting case with the Mission to Seafarers in Geraldton. With those organisations, I think the Flying Angel Club is the Roman Catholic organisation and the Mission to Seafarers is the Anglican one. The ports tend to have one or the other. The Mission to Seafarers building needs some work done on it. It is, I think, the second oldest continuously used building in Geraldton. It has been the police station, the lock-up and the railway workshop. It has had all kinds of jobs, but now it is the Mission to Seafarers. The worldwide organisation that looks after seafarers is called the Seafarers International Union. It was prepared to go dollar for dollar to do work on the building; however, at that time our preferred place to go for money was royalties for regions. But, unfortunately, royalties for regions could be used only in areas where Australians benefited, and of course the people who benefit from the Mission to Seafarers are foreign seamen. By failing that qualification, we could not get any money from royalties for regions and were unable to get any money from Lotterywest because the Anglican Church did not want to take money from lotteries. That is a big gap. I had a number of goes at the previous government to try to get it to take Lotterywest money out of one tub, put it in another tub, then take the money that was in that tub and earmark it as coming from somewhere else so that even if it was administered by Lotterywest, the money would not have come from lotteries so it could be used. However, the previous government said that for some legal reason it could not do that.

It is interesting that Healthway has been put in here with Lotterywest. Maybe there is the opportunity for religious organisations to not be discriminated against because of this problem. Lotterywest made a sizeable contribution to the recently finished restoration of the Roman Catholic St Francis Xavier Cathedral in Geraldton, which I did a fair bit of work on. The church raised \$3 million from the community, \$3 million from the federal government, some royalties for regions money and some Lotterywest money to build the new building. I am sure members can imagine the effort needed to do an \$8 million project in a community the size of Geraldton's. It involved an unbelievable amount of community work. To have raised \$3 million is a mammoth effort and I pay credit to it for that.

The Uniting Church seems happy enough to take Lotterywest money for aged care, which is a very good thing. I remember handing over a cheque for about \$340 000 to Uniting Church Homes in Geraldton. This problem is not unlike issues that are haram in Islam that other members talked about. I think the term means forbidden. Islamic banking is similar, but slightly different so that it fits in with Islamic faith. I have had some dealings with the mosque. It was looking for some play equipment but Lotterywest was concerned and said it could not fund the play equipment for kids if it would not be open and accessible to children who were not part of the mosque. That hit a brick wall and we did not get anywhere with that either.

This has been an issue for as long as I have been the member for Geraldton. I think it would be very good if the government found a way to fund this. It would not be a huge amount of money. The government could even make it a second pot of money that is contestable by people who cannot accept funds from Lotterywest and use Lotterywest money in other places as a substitute. If the will were there, I would have thought that it would be quite possible to do. I cannot criticise the current government in any way for not doing that because I could not get our government to do it in eight and a half years, but it is something that, over time —

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Mr D.A. Templeman: What was that again? I didn't quite get that?

Mr I.C. BLAYNEY: Is the member having trouble with the concept?

Mr D.A. Templeman: You've distracted me from a letter.

Mr I.C. BLAYNEY: I am sorry I interrupted your reading, minister.

In situations such as this, it would be nice to point at it being done somewhere else and say that is how they are doing it there. That is always an easy way to do it. However, I think that if the will were there, it would be possible to do it. It is sad to see the old heritage buildings in my area crumble away because of the objection to taking money from gambling.

MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont) [5.13 pm]: I rise today to make a brief contribution to the second reading debate on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the minister for Racing and Gaming for bringing this bill to Parliament, proving not only his genuine commitment to seeing better outcomes for the whole racing industry in Western Australia, but also for the broader community of Western Australia.

This bill will amend the Betting Control Act 1954 by making provisions for the Gaming and Wagering Commission to prescribe prohibited events and contingencies that can be bet on. This means that an offence will be committed if a person bets on, or offers betting on, a prohibited event or contingency; that is, an offence will be committed if a person bets on, for example, Lottoland. As most of us are aware, with Lottoland, people do not actually buy a lottery ticket. They bet on the outcome of the lottery. The federal Parliament recently amended the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 to prohibit betting on the outcome or a contingency of overseas or Australian lottery draws. Lottoland has been described as a market disrupter to the Australian lottery industry. It is betting on the outcomes of large, generally overseas, lotteries, and does not involve entering the lottery, but rather taking bets on which balls will be drawn. Importantly, online betting organisations such as Lottoland provide no return to the Western Australian community, unlike Lotterywest, which is why this legislation is so important. It will underpin the future of Lotterywest.

As our members have mentioned as part of this debate, Lotterywest is the only lottery organisation in Australia and one of few in the world whose proceeds are distributed directly to the community. Apart from prize money to players, operating costs and the commission paid to retailers, the balance of the money spent on Lotterywest games is returned directly to the Western Australia community through its grants system. This balance amounts to approximately one-third of every dollar spent on lottery products being returned to Western Australia. That means that approximately 30c of every dollar spent on Lotterywest goes directly into supporting our community and making Western Australia a better place everybody.

Each year Lotterywest supports hundreds of community groups in Western Australia. In the 2017–18 financial year alone, Lotterywest raised \$260 million to support the Western Australian community, which went to 785 not-for-profit groups. Over the past 10 years, Lotterywest has returned more than \$2.5 billion to the Western Australian community.

One of the many organisations to have benefited from these community grants is Club Fiumano E Giuliano, which is located in my electorate of Belmont. Established in 1981, the club provides social, educational and cultural activities for migrants from pre-World War II Italy. In August 2018 Lotterywest provided Club Fiumano E Giuliano with a grant of more than \$50 000 to upgrade its sound, lighting and video equipment as well as to install a playground at the club's Welshpool facility. It will benefit not only the club's members, but also other community groups that use that facility each and every week.

Another local organisation in my electorate of Belmont to receive support from Lotterywest is One Tree Community Services Inc, which has received more than \$1.2 million from Lotterywest to help support disadvantaged families in regional and remote WA. The Belmont organisation works with more than 30 children and community centres in 18 regional and remote communities. The \$1.2 million grant was used to improve information technology facilities, equipment and furniture. One Tree Community Services provides help for families disadvantaged by distance. This grant further helped deliver outreach services to families who are experiencing domestic violence and fund online staff training and case management of confidential customer information across the regions.

Another local organisation in Belmont that received funding from a Lotterywest grant last year was a program teaching young offenders how to drive called Drive for the Future. It received \$136 772, which allowed the program runners—the police and community youth centre located in Belmont—to spend the funds on a second mobile drive unit to expand its program into regional areas. Regional managers were also provided with iPads for

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flexible, on-the-go training. The funding also went to repairing a driving simulator. The program reaches 80 participants a month and has resulted in decreased criminal activity, enhanced employment opportunities, reduced antisocial behaviour and improved the overall self-esteem and confidence of the participants.

Last year, Kinship Connections Aboriginal Corporation, another important organisation in my electorate, received a Lotterywest grant of \$154 000 for its becoming stronger capacity development project, which aims to reconnect kin and strengthen cultural identity for Aboriginal people. Kinship Connections is an excellent organisation, which received the National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee award for “Who’s My Mob”, which helps Aboriginal people identify their birth families. They also run programs assisting young people who may be struggling with their Aboriginality to understand how to connect with their Aboriginal families, communities and culture, as well as programs preparing and supporting parents for reunification with their children.

This is another example of the good work that Lotterywest does via the grants that it provides to these organisations. We must do our utmost to preserve this really important and unique arrangement that sees vital funds go to such a wide range of organisations not just in my electorate, but also across the state. Through the sale of Lotto and Scratch ‘n’ Win games, Lotterywest supports a broad and diverse range of organisations and not-for-profit groups that benefit our communities. From hospitals and sports clubs to heritage and conservation groups and the performing arts sector, Lotterywest grants play a major role in supporting and advancing our community.

Lotterywest grants are only possible because of the retailers and players that support the purchase of these games. Lotterywest not only supports the community through its grants but also provides a vital source of income to small businesses and families across Western Australia. Lotterywest games are sold by over 500 small businesses across the state, which forms an important income stream for many, many families. Each year, as I mentioned, Lotterywest supports hundreds of community groups in WA with grants totalling \$100 million across so many sectors. Given this significant contribution Lotterywest makes to our communities right across WA, it is essential that we protect and promote Lotterywest to ensure that it can continue to provide these grants to help not-for-profit organisations and other really important groups to thrive and prosper. I commend this bill to the house.

MS E. HAMILTON (Joondalup) [5.21 pm]: I rise to make a contribution to the debate on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. This bill amends the Betting Control Act 1954 and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987. It will implement a policy that supports a strong and sustainable racing industry and, importantly, responsible gambling practices in Western Australia.

I will begin by addressing the importance of ensuring that we, as the Western Australian government, are addressing responsible betting. The legislation will provide consistency with other states, but, more importantly, the McGowan government has been working and will continue to work to support programs and initiatives that minimise harm to people who participate in gambling, along with a series of other initiatives.

This legislation strikes a good balance, but I want to focus on the way in which the revenue through the Lotterywest grants program benefits electorates like mine. Last month, I presented Community Vision with a Lotterywest grant of \$272 802. Community Vision is a not-for-profit organisation that has been providing services to Western Australians for the past 15 years. It has developed strong connections across the community and the business sector. Community Vision is a cornerstone community organisation in the northern suburbs that plays an important role in providing services to people with disabilities, and veterans, and through home care and family day care. It also provides support services to people affected by dementia and their families, carers and support networks. The Lotterywest funding will go towards enhancing Community Vision’s information technology systems, allowing Community Vision to best support those who access its services, and furnishing a sensory environment at its Woodvale day care facility, which is a vital service in the northern suburbs. With more of our older residents accessing services online than ever before, the upgrade to the IT system will allow local residents to access the services they need. However, it is important that services for seniors can be accessed in person as well, so part of the funding will be directed towards providing furniture and equipment for a sensory environment for people living with dementia who visit the Woodvale day care facility. The grant includes funding for lighting, chairs, outdoor furniture and a sensory garden that will be part of the sensory environment—a tranquil place that will calm the mind and reduce the confusion experienced by people with dementia. The Woodvale day care facility is in the electorate of my colleague Jessica Stojkovski, the member for Kingsley.

When I talked with Michelle Jenkins, the chief executive officer of Community Vision, she relayed how grateful Community Vision is for Lotterywest’s support, which will allow them to update the facilities and enable the organisation to offer more to older residents in the northern suburbs. Michelle added that the funding is being used to create a wellness spa for people with dementia within the Woodvale Social Club, which is run by Community Vision. She said that the recent refurbishment at the centre had provided a space for older people, particularly those with dementia, to tap into memories to promote wellness.

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While I have the opportunity, I would like to commend Community Vision, under the leadership of CEO Michelle Jenkins, for its hard work and dedication in raising funds to support people with dementia. We know that although dementia can affect anyone, the risk of developing dementia increases with age. In WA, our population is ageing rapidly and more than 478 000 people, almost 20 per cent of our population, are aged 60 years or older. Over 40 000 Western Australians are living with dementia today. Without a medical breakthrough, this number is projected to double by 2036. Dementia does not just affect those experiencing the symptoms; it also affects their carers, families and support networks. In many ways, it is even harder for those in support roles than the victims themselves. For this reason, it is important that the whole community comes together to better understand dementia and to support the myriad people affected by the condition.

Last month, I represented Mick Murray, our Minister for Seniors and Ageing, to launch the fundraising and awareness campaign about dementia, A Roast to Remember, at Mondo Butchers. A Roast to Remember is an exceptional community project that seeks to implement that kind of community-wide approach, bringing together individuals, organisations and businesses to provide an opportunity to make a real difference. The campaign uses the very simple, universally recognised notion of people coming together to share food, and with that their experiences and stories, to raise funds for a dementia bus. Community Vision is very well placed to deliver this project. During the month of September, Community Vision called on the community to get together to share a meal—a roast—and to connect locally with others, share experiences and stories, and raise funds. Similar to the intention of the Woodvale day care facility, the idea behind A Roast to Remember is to stimulate the senses, trigger memory and encourage conversation through food.

The dementia bus will provide information and respite to those who do not have immediate access to support and dementia care in metropolitan and regional WA. The event kicked off in September and Community Vision aims to raise \$250 000 over coming months to get this bus on the road. A huge thank you goes to Vince Garreffa of Mondo Butchers for hosting the event and cooking a lovely roast. Community Vision is an example of a great community organisation that is working very hard to address an issue the community is experiencing. It has received significant support from Lotterywest and is also working with the community to continue to raise support.

More generally, Lotterywest has provided and will continue to provide significant support for grassroots community organisations and groups in electorates such as Joondalup. Another excellent program that receives part of its funding through Lotterywest grants is the Spiers Centre, located in Heathridge, in my electorate. The Spiers Centre received \$560 000 directly from Lotterywest through grants approved in the past year, representing a third of the nearly \$1.5 million provided to emergency relief organisations in the Joondalup electorate. The Spiers Centre is a locally run organisation committed to making a positive difference in the lives of individuals, families and communities in the northern suburbs. It provides assistance through emergency relief and financial counselling—to name a few of its support services—to ensure that no-one in our community falls through the cracks. The centre also provides services that allow individuals to better themselves through personal development programs, ensuring that the community and families can grow to support each other throughout the Joondalup area.

Through my conversations with Gaelle Gouillou and the staff at the Spiers Centre, I have heard what outside assistance means to individuals and families. Whether the support is provided by family and friends or by community groups, everything helps to make our community thrive. Helping those who may otherwise fall through the cracks is partly the reason that I joined the Labor Party and fought for the seat and for organisations like the Spiers Centre that support our community. It is through Lotterywest grants that this is possible and we are able to support so many.

I have a few examples of other Lotterywest grants approved in the last 12 months. In 2017, funding of \$30 000 was allocated to the Heathridge Carols in the Park event that brings people together to celebrate Christmas. This year, \$14 136 will go towards the Joondalup Christmas lunch, making it possible to support socially isolated people in the Joondalup area to access a Christmas event and to come together in celebration on a significant day.

Just before I finish, a significant amount has been provided in Lotterywest grants in the northern suburbs over the past five years—\$2.82 million. Community events were funded with around \$300 000; general community support, \$195 000; emergency relief, as I mentioned, over \$1.5 million; organisational development, over \$13 000; support for people with a disability, over \$134 000; funds for seniors groups, around \$18 000; small grants for cultural groups, around \$43 000; and funds for young people, over \$400 000. I have listed just a few examples of the way in which Lotterywest grants are having a direct benefit for the people in Joondalup. Through these Lotterywest grants, the Western Australian government is able to fund important community services and continue

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to make a positive impact on our communities. As I mentioned, this bill works to ensure that the grants can continue. It provides a good balance of supporting the wagering and gaming industries while implementing consumer protection measures to minimise harm that may be caused to people through gambling. I thank the minister for bringing this bill to the house, and I commend the bill to the house.

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Thornlie — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.31 pm]: I am very pleased to add my support to the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I will begin by recalling my first encounter with the lotteries process in the early 1970s, when I think a typical lottery ticket put the buyer in the running for a prize of about \$16 000. I have that figure in my head. Of course, to a young fellow in the early 1970s, \$16 000 seemed like an enormous prize. We saw our parents buy lottery tickets and thought, “Wow, wouldn't winning that amount of money be a life-changing thing?” Over the years the prize draws have increased greatly, and the number of products, as they are called, has also increased. Now, when I go into a newsagent, it seems like there is a lotto draw just about every day of the week; we never have to wait too long. We are in an era of almost instant gratification. We can even buy a scratchie and see whether we have won a prize there and then. We have advanced and altered our way of gaming and wagering, and Lotterywest has responded—doing all that while providing a valuable service to the state, handing out some significant prizes, and generating a profit that is distributed to the community in a way that has helped many organisations.

Before I come to some of the examples that shine in my mind, adding to those given by other members, I want to look at the issue of how we distribute wealth and profit in this state. For a lot of very good reasons, some countries prefer to pursue a model of wealth distribution based around philanthropy. In the United States, for example, it is very common for a university to have a new library left to it in the bequest of a former student. That seems to be a popular North American model of transferring to another the profits that someone may have gained during their life. Though not necessarily an alternative, Lotterywest shows that there is another way of doing things. It is interesting to ponder on whether distribution through philanthropy tends to be a model that focuses on the particular points of interest of the philanthropist. That is perfectly reasonable. The person might have a particular interest in education, and therefore bequeaths a significant portion of their estate, or all of it, to the pursuit of some field of academic endeavour. It has to be said that sometimes philanthropy is vulnerable to the whims, enthusiasms and personal interests of a particular philanthropist. By contrast, the distribution of the profits of an organisation such as Lotterywest goes through a very rigorous assessment process. It is subject to scrutiny and interrogation by the community as a whole. An integrity comes with that process that, when it is done well, makes sure that the distribution of those profits is equitable and creative, and may go to organisations with which I may have no connection or understanding of. It is a good thing that the distribution of profits from an organisation such as Lotterywest is very broad. The distribution goes beyond the horizons of any one of the 59 of us who sit in this chamber. That is a good thing.

In the last financial year, Lotterywest sold \$855 million worth of products. I touched on the range of products. There is the Thursday night lotto, the Powerball, the Saturday night lotto and all the other different products. The sale of \$855 million worth of products is very significant. The operating cost is around seven per cent, which is understandable, given the administration required and providing integrity checks and verification of where the money is going. Meetings are also organised, and experts are brought in to consider different proposals. There is the cost of servicing the Lotterywest board and paying the wonderful staff who work at Lotterywest. Providing those services has been done very efficiently for that operating cost of seven per cent. An organisation that can run on seven per cent costs is doing pretty well. On top of the seven per cent, another eight per cent goes to commissions, to the people such as the newsagents who have the Lotterywest machines, sell the tickets, and give advice to customers as they front up and ask about what a Slikpik is, what is available tonight, and what will get them their winnings as quickly as possible. All those services are provided by people who are the shopfront of Lotterywest in many ways. They are the ones doing things out in the field. It is a very interesting distributed model that ensures that most Western Australians—it may be a different story in regional areas—have pretty easy access to the Lotterywest network. I know that smaller newsagents in country towns in particular and newer suburbs often start off without a direct line to Lotterywest, and they are not in a position to produce the tickets. It is always an ambition that they have, because they see it as a reliable way of having a cash flow, if they have one of the machines to deliver the customer base and the cash that comes with it.

So, \$855 million worth of products are sold. The real highlight figure in the distribution of that money, which many of us have been referring to, is around \$260 million. To see that distributed around the Western Australian community to all sorts of organisations is a great feature of the system. I should declare that from 2001 to 2008, my office was in a Lotterywest building—City West Lotteries House. Interestingly, the member for Maylands and I both left positions at City West Lotteries House and came up here. Perhaps others will follow that pathway. The

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former head of the Western Australian Council of Social Service and I, former director of the Conservation Council, have been fortunate enough to find ourselves with seats in this Parliament.

City West Lotteries House is a fairly modest building. I think it was an old Telecom building that was refurbished. It is right next to the railway line on the southern side of the tracks, across from Scitech and exciting places such as that. The building provided office space at a reduced rate. There is no way that the organisation I was working for, the Conservation Council, could have afforded the standard West Perth rent. Certainly in that era, back in 2001 to 2008, the rents would have been impossible for us, so we were lucky to have a reasonable rental rate. It was not given away by any means. We had to work hard to fundraise on other fronts to maintain our office space there. We were in there with a host of other very worthy organisations, such as a drug and alcohol rehabilitation organisation. I recall the Injury Control Council of WA having space in there, along with another environmental organisation. A range of organisations in City West Lotteries House provided good services and, most importantly, were accessible. It really is important that the non-government organisations that are tenants there have that location as it is close to public transport and well located for easy access by the general public.

The \$260 million is distributed to the broader community in very interesting ways. I am citing the example of how the connection with various Lotteries Houses across the state helps organisations have a home and a place where they can have meetings. They support all kinds of non-government organisations whereby volunteers come in and do work. The boards of the organisations also have their meetings there, often late at night. It is very interesting that in areas of the CBD after five o'clock or six o'clock, all the office-based people have gone home, but I think there is a balance whereby we could enhance that approach. When non-government organisations are ensconced within an office block, access and activity goes on well past the standard hours of the working day. That is very important because it creates the life and activity and the buzz on the street that makes an area more lively for longer and makes people in surrounding apartments feel much safer because there are people coming and going. The street is not suddenly silent or without pedestrian activity come, say, 6.30 in the evening. We can look at that as a really positive contribution. When non-government organisations in places such as Lotteries Houses inevitably need to have their meetings commencing at, say, 7.00 pm in the evening and going through until very late at night as people deliberate on all sorts of committees matters, it provides extra activity in an area that would otherwise be a locked office into the evening. I think that interesting feature is often forgotten about and somewhat neglected. It justifies the trend that I am beginning to see whereby urban renewal projects that contain a mixture of residential accommodation, retail and commercial space are also looking to include office space for non-government organisations. That can be through anchor tenants or through the ownership of Lotterywest. I think that is a very good move. We are seeing that in the Gosnells town centre.

Just across from the station in Gosnells is a remarkable building—the Agonis Centre. Lotteries House provides accommodation space to the Gosnells Community Legal Centre and organisations such as Save the Children and a number of very important organisations that are working on all sorts of complex, difficult and challenging matters such as domestic violence and helping people from civil war backgrounds who have arrived in Australia find their feet here, and people who are just struggling. Various food hamper programs and such things are run out of Lotteries House in the Gosnells Agonis Centre as well. Those really useful services need that moderated rental rate, the quality of accommodation and the location that comes with these buildings. That is a very important feature of how I see the Lotterywest funds being distributed.

Of course, there are the big-ticket donations. I recall under the previous government, a handsome donation or grant from Lotterywest was made to the Gosnells Men's Shed, and that enabled the building of the main part of the men's shed. The Premier at the time, Colin Barnett, came along to open the centre, and I think we were all mightily impressed with how the Gosnells Men's Shed was not just a zincalume men's shed, as we might imagine. I am a member of the Gosnells Men's Shed and I like to say to the guys there that it is the prettiest men's shed in Western Australia. It is really stunning. It has picked up the federation architecture of the original Lewis homestead in the men's shed complex. That is a fascinating story because with support from Lotterywest, the homestead, which was on the brink of going to ruin, was restored as the initial home of the men's shed. We have had this coming together of a number of people with the skills to do the actual restoration of the bricks and mortar, ensure that the floorboards were treated for any rotting or any damp and make sure that the structural integrity of the building was there. All sorts of fabulous skills came together.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: This demonstrates Lotterywest's role in the community. It means that we have this ability to nurture groups in their nascent phase. It is just coming together as a men's shed and it is keen to get its constitution together and then graduate to putting in for a serious substantial grant. I think that over \$1 million was provided for the building of the main shed that has become the home for all sorts of woodwork and metalwork activities and a very important part of the community. That was a positive use of Lotterywest money under the

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Barnett government, but I note the amalgamation of Lotterywest and Healthway. I put on the record how disappointing it was to see the very poor treatment of Healthway under the Barnett government. Healthway was being influenced by, I think—I know I tabled letters at the time—Carlton and United Breweries, which expressed its displeasure with the way that Healthway was distributing funds. That is something that we have to guard against.

I began by talking about the integrity of the Lotterywest process. We have to hold onto that because there is a very real threat, and we saw it with Healthway under the Barnett government. There were some rather unpleasant and unseemly moments when commercial entities said that they did not like the way Healthway was providing funds to different organisations. I think it was especially around the advertising of alcohol at the WACA Ground. There was a real problem with Healthway wanting to discourage that connection between cricket and alcohol advertising. Carlton and United Breweries did not like that at all; it wanted to maintain its strong links. As someone who studiously avoids commercial television, I do not know how prevalent that is now, but I suspect that it still happens. Unfortunately, there is that opportunity if there are no integrity measures and no good governance in place, but we have that with Lotterywest. That has always been my experience. I have always been very impressed with the careful analysis and consideration of a grant application and the way the officers of Lotterywest meet with people who put forward applications and really understand the ins and outs of a proposal, and then recommendations would go to the board. It has already been noted today that Professor Peter Klinken has been appointed to chair the board. I know Professor Klinken through his work as our Chief Scientist. I have every confidence in his ability to chair the Lotterywest board and make sure that the oversight and integrity processes are fully in place.

It is interesting to think of how the Western Australian community is responding to threats like the one posed by Lottoland. I recognise that one of the main features of this legislation is to make sure that our wonderful Lotterywest system does not receive undue competition from an organisation that will provide its products and make profits, but with all the profits going overseas. It is very important that the Western Australian community realises what is at stake. Like most members, I received a letter from the promoters of Lottoland, who sought to assure me that they were providing an exciting opportunity and a range of products that people would find appealing. I responded to them in fairly clear terms and said that I had no interest in supporting their products or service and that I thought that the way it was being set up was fairly shonky. I have not heard from them since, so they have obviously realised that there was little doing in further lobbying me about that.

Mr D.A. Templeman: You won't be on their Christmas card list!

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: No; unfortunately, Lottoland will not be inviting me to any functions. Of the 59 members in this place, I doubt that I am alone. I would be surprised if any one of us entered into any form of hospitality from Lottoland. It is important that we have legislation in place to protect us from these sorts of organisations. If we do not have these legislative measures, these organisations will try to find ways to get a foothold. Perhaps Lottoland would have portrayed itself as not only a provider of a rival gambling product, but also a potential source of philanthropic funding of some sort. Perhaps it would have sought to greenwash itself in some way. That sort of thing happens. We see it all too often in other areas when organisations seek to ingratiate themselves with a sector in the community to gain some level of support and find a foothold and then, before we know it, there is some sort of belief that they provide a service that we cannot live without.

I must touch on another fantastic contribution from Lotterywest to my electorate. It is a magnificent \$1.3 million contribution to the Thornlie Bowling Club for the development of a Thornlie community hub that the City of Gosnells will manage. Interestingly, I spoke to the Thornlie Bowling Club about its putting in —

Mr D.A. Templeman: They like you.

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: Thank you, member. They are a wonderful crew down there. They were disappointed with my bowling effort at the opening of the season.

Mr D.A. Templeman: I know—I heard about that, too!

Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE: I got the bias the wrong way, but I am learning with the bowls. By the time I get to retirement age, I am sure that my bowling will be just about ready to get me into one of their pennant teams!

The \$1.3 million contribution towards a community centre is a great initiative. It is something that the community has been asking for. Interestingly, the Thornlie Bowling Club did not want to go through the process of the Local Projects, Local Jobs program. It said that it did not think there would be enough money for it through the Local Projects, Local Jobs program. I said that if it did not do that, it might not get any money, because I was not confident that we had a strong enough case to get funding from Lotterywest. But, as it turns out, we were able to get it. It was somewhat criticised by some members, who said, "But Chris, you weren't promising to get this money from Lotterywest." I said to them that I wanted to be a politician who did not over-promise and then under-deliver; I wanted it to be around the other way and to perhaps under-promise and then deliver what might have been their

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most ambitious expectations. The distribution of funds from Lotterywest in the Gosnells–Thornlie area has done lots of great work. We have put in place some holiday activity programs for young people, and that has been a huge success. We have had all sorts of really useful programs.

We have to make sure that those alternative gambling opportunities for people are properly regulated. I am dismayed when I occasionally see the style of advertising. A program on Radio National did a very good analysis of the sorts of advertising that is used, especially to target young males. It is an interesting thing to ponder. Young males—I am talking about people from the age of, say, 18 to 35—like to think of themselves as being rugged individuals, yet when we look at the type of advertising message that they are vulnerable to, we find that they are the most peer group–vulnerable, conformist, conservative demographic in our community. It is a real paradox. I think we need to point out the type of advertising that a lot of young males are vulnerable to, especially around something like online gambling. They need to ask themselves as individuals: what do I reckon about this? They should not just be sucked into it, because it is all about doing what their mates are doing. It is about taking the word of some deep-voiced advertising voiceover person and not thinking for themselves. What we need to have in our community as a whole is a greater degree of independent thinking so that people are resilient. We need critical analysis so that people are resilient to the pitfalls of all forms of online gambling. Apps can be downloaded and the advertising seems to cajole people into buying products and getting themselves into significant debt. We have to make sure that people can reason for themselves—maybe they do find it fun—so that they can work out whether they can afford to make these bets or whether it will come back and hurt their wellbeing and their bank balance and get them into serious debt. There has to be some way to get people to work these things out for themselves.

In conclusion, we have had a very fortunate history with the development of Lotterywest in Western Australia. It has been a part of our community for a very long time and it is something that Western Australians trust and enjoy. The distribution of the funds has been very helpful to all kinds of groups in our community. The most significant thing is the governance model around Lotterywest, the way that funds are distributed and its integrity. It is commendable.

Sitting suspended from 6.00 to 7.00 pm

MR J.N. CAREY (Perth — Parliamentary Secretary) [7.01 pm]: It is my pleasure to speak in front of such a large crowd and to see that the opposition is here in full force to give this bill the scrutiny that it deserves! I am rising of course to speak in support of the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. Mr Speaker, are you telling me that I should fix my tie?

The SPEAKER: No. I was just straightening mine.

Mr J.N. CAREY: Sorry about that. I thought you were sending me a message!

The Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 will amend the Betting Control Act 1954 and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987 to implement our agenda and reform. First of all, I have something to confess —

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: No, it is nothing quite extraordinary.

Mr D.A. Templeman: Finally we hear the truth!

Mr J.N. CAREY: I am coming out straight today, thank you, and getting married next week!

I have to confess that I am a very avid Lotterywest user. Not a meth user—I am a Lotterywest user, in all seriousness. In fact, at any time I will have crumpled up Lotterywest tickets, sliksiks, in my wallet. There is a megadraw coming up on 27 October. I am an avid player. I am such an avid player that I have also got my Lotterywest registered player's card as opposed to my Pet City club member card, which is also very useful.

The SPEAKER: Cards tabled!

Mr W.R. Marmion: Do you use the same numbers?

Mr J.N. CAREY: I do not use the same numbers, but I have had this card —

Mr D.A. Templeman: A city sliksik-er!

Mr J.N. CAREY: That is right. I am an avid Lotterywest user and punter. I buy at least the Tuesday and Saturday night draws every week.

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Mr W.R. Marmion: How are you going?

Mr J.N. CAREY: I have won \$100 on a scratchie, which I thought was pretty good, and \$14 generally on my Lotterywest returns. It is not enough, but there you go. I make sure that I do not buy online. The member for Vasse talked about this as well. I was just trying to get her back into the conversation rather than giggling away with the youngest member of the crew. I make sure that every week I buy my lottery tickets from a local kiosk. I will refer to Lottoland and so forth in a moment. We know that lottery kiosks are critically important to so many small businesses, particularly in my electorate. Lotto is not necessarily the main game for all kiosks. It is an important part of their income, but it is also about generating other incidental items that can be sold that make up the big income of a newsagency or a lotto kiosk with a newsagency or cafe or whatever conjuncture it is. The point is that going physically into a lotto kiosk is critically important. As the member for Perth, I make sure that when I regularly buy my lotto, I do it all over Mt Hawthorn and North Perth, supporting and championing those small businesses that of course also add to the vibrancy and life of my main streets and town centres.

I see that these reforms are about championing small business. I think there are about 500 across the state. It is critically important that we protect them and make it easier for small business in general. Many other members have already said that the heart of these reforms is about trying to deal with this enormous challenge that has come to the sector in relation to international forces. Many other members have gone into detail about the impact of Lottoland on the lotteries environment in Western Australia. An article in September this year talked about how Lotterywest, in part to deal with this challenge, was looking at reviewing its marketing strategies so as not to lose a share.

As we know, the federal government has brought in legislation to ban betting on the outcomes of lotteries. Rather than buying a lottery ticket, as has been explained before, Lottoland and other similar types of enterprises encourage or facilitate the betting on outcomes of lotteries. What is the main problem with Lottoland? I think it is very simple. At its heart, it is potentially ripping the heart and profits out of Lotterywest. We know that it has run a very deeply aggressive marketing campaign to take a share. Although there has been significant education campaigns and research about the benefits of Lotterywest, not everyone—particularly younger generations—is fully aware of the incredible benefits that Lotterywest brings to our state. As other members have stated so well, we do not want to see a weaker Lotterywest. We do not want to see its heart ripped out. These reforms complement the federal ban by providing and allowing the Gaming and Wagering Commission to define “prohibited events” and making sure, as a result of that, that it prevents the placing of bets on those events. It is very logical to me that we would bring in these reforms to complement the federal legislation and to recognise the incredible benefits that Lotterywest brings.

Some of these stats have already been mentioned by other members, but I think it is important to refer to the \$260 million that was returned to Western Australia in 2017–18. That is such a large investment and so meaningful to so many community organisations across Western Australia. Today, many members of Parliament listed all those grants that have benefited organisations. I often get quite a lot as the member for Perth because I do have the capital city in my electorate, and I am very lucky to have that. As a consequence, a multitude of head organisations are based in my city. I have had the pleasure of presenting many of those grants cheques, including this year to the RSL for the Anzac celebrations. Lotterywest funds many worthwhile organisations. Compare that with Lottoland, which is simply profit-driven. It does not benefit community groups in our state. Its sole purpose is to maximise participation and profit for its owners—that is it, nothing else. That is what Lottoland stands for. That is why we should do everything we can to protect Lotterywest and what it means to our community.

Many members have listed the ways in which their electorates have benefited from Lotterywest grants. I want to take a slightly different point of view. I was the head of an organisation that went through the Lotterywest process to secure a grant. I founded the Beaufort Street Network, and I co-founded, with two other people as volunteers, the Beaufort Street Festival. In the six years that I was the chair or co-chair of the Beaufort Street Festival, we grew that festival from 20 000 people in the first year, to 40 000 people and then to 60 000 people. In the year I left the festival, it brought 160 000 people to Beaufort Street and created the largest street festival in Western Australia. That is an incredible achievement, particularly considering that it was all done by volunteer effort. Of course, the irony is that the festival became too big and difficult to run. Why do I raise this? It is because the critical reason that the Beaufort Street Festival ever got a guernsey and a shot at becoming something big was because of Lotterywest.

Lotterywest has strict governance arrangements. I have dealt with many not-for-profits. We might think we can just rock up to Lotterywest and say, “Hey! I would like \$20 000 for this event; why won’t you give it to me?” It is a strenuous process, and for good reason. I have been on the other side. I filled out Lotterywest grant applications for six years while I was on the Beaufort Street Festival organising committee. We were incredibly grateful and appreciative that the Lotterywest assessment team, which works very hard and faces huge demands,

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decided that we met the criteria for its community events grants program. During my tenure as chair of the Beaufort Street Festival, we received a grant in five out of six years. Those grants made all the difference. It was because of the support of Lotterywest, and the local council, that we were able to grow that incredible festival. The particular focus of the festival was the historical and cultural components of the local precinct. Lotterywest was very specific that that is what it wanted to fund. I have no doubt that the success and achievements of the Beaufort Street Network was due in part to the investment and grants from Lotterywest.

Western Australia needs to have a Lotterywest that has strenuous governance and provides a return to the people of this state. We do not need Lottoland. Some people love Lottoland. They think it is great and that we need competition. However, ultimately it is about the kind of investment in our community that we want in Western Australia. That is why I am an admirer of Lotterywest and strongly support the reforms that our government is undertaking in this bill.

The bill also makes some minor amendments to the gaming and wagering legislation. One minor amendment that will be welcomed is the removal of the prohibition on raffles that are conducted in other states and territories. That will enable not-for-profits to operate raffles in Western Australia. That is a commonsense change. It is a reduction in red tape. The bill also contains reforms to promote harm minimisation. As I indicated at the beginning of my speech, it is sometimes difficult for me to walk away from the Lotterywest kiosk, because I see the \$30 million: "One Powerball and I'm out of here"!

Several members interjected.

Mr J.N. CAREY: No! That is not the case! I love this job. However, I have fantasies about what I would do if I won \$30 million. I am a bit of a geek, because I would invest some of that into activation of the city, would members believe.

Several members interjected.

Dr D.J. Honey: Would you turn, member?

Mr J.N. CAREY: No! I am never going to be a capitalist western suburbs leader. But I have to say that if I won \$30 million, I would employ someone tomorrow to go onto eBay and buy every vintage Star Wars Lego collection to add to my office collection.

Mr D.R. Michael: You could start a museum!

Mr J.N. CAREY: It would be incredible. I could start a Star Wars Lego museum on the waterfront at Elizabeth Quay. It would probably draw in tourists. I was talking to the member for Scarborough. Her partner is the manager of Lego, and she and her partner were judges at the recent Lego exhibition at Curtin University. Apparently, it went off like a cracker. A lot of people were there. So do not underestimate the appeal and attraction of Lego exhibitions.

Coming back to harm minimisation, of course I am also supportive of the reforms and changes in the bill to curb consumer exposure through the prohibition on broadcasting live betting odds during sporting events. That is a commonsense approach.

I come back to where I started. It is critical that we support all the small businesses that rely on Lotterywest kiosks to generate and bring in incidental income. Small businesses are a critical part of my electorate. They give our city soul. The reason I am attracted to these reforms is that they are, in part, about supporting small business. They are also about ensuring that we complement the federal legislation to prevent big international companies from coming to this state when they do not have the interests of our state at heart but are interested only in making a profit.

I commend the minister for bringing forward this legislation and I look forward to its practical outcomes.

MS S.F. McGURK (Fremantle — Minister for Child Protection) [7.17 pm]: I am very pleased to make a contribution to the debate on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 in my capacity as Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services. I am motivated to do this, as I think are most local members, because I know the contribution made by Lotterywest to the Western Australian community and community organisations in our electorates. Without the support of Lotterywest grants, the community of Western Australia would be poorer, not just financially, but also in the provision of community infrastructure. Other members have referred to the contribution made by Lotterywest. In 2017, Lotterywest contributed over \$260 million to the Western Australian community. That included \$15.6 million to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for sport, and \$15.6 million for arts; \$124.6 million to the Department of Health for health programs, particularly for preventive health and research; and \$103.9 million was approved for Lotterywest direct grants. In total, there have been 785 direct grants to 699 not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities, which really is quite remarkable. I will talk

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about three that have come to my attention, but as other members have demonstrated, we all have many examples in our electorates of the benefit of this public good that is Lotterywest. I am therefore indebted to this legislation, which will secure the presence of Lotterywest in our community.

Lotterywest's framework for resource allocation is disciplined and careful, but I want to focus specifically on three areas: Lotterywest helps support the development of services; it supports research to inform government policy and better service delivery; and it provides vital funds to bring people together at a local level through community-related projects. I want to provide three examples around that framework.

On Friday I joined more than 1 000 people attending Parkerville Children and Youth Care's annual fundraising lunch at Crown Perth. It was a remarkable effort. I am not sure how much was raised, but it was a fantastic exercise, with corporate and community representatives in attendance. Under the leadership of Basil Hanna, Parkerville Children and Youth Care has done a great job in encouraging philanthropy and community engagement. The organisation's expertise and passion is demonstrable in the work of the child advocacy centres, including the George Jones Child Advocacy Centre in Armadale. Members may also be aware that funds are currently being raised to reach the goal of \$25.4 million for the new Stan and Jean Perron Child Advocacy Centre in Midland. The lion's share of those funds have come from philanthropic donations, but \$4.5 million has come from Lotterywest. I was very pleased to announce that grant at Parkerville in April this year.

In fact, Parkerville Children's Home, as it was originally called, was the first recipient of a Lotteries Commission grant in Western Australia, receiving £200 in March 1933 following the commission's first lottery draw, and it was a very deserving recipient. Over the years, Parkerville has changed as an entity—there is no doubt about that—but as members who are familiar with the child advocacy centres will know, they provide world-class treatment and care for children and families who have been affected by child sex abuse. They bring together multidisciplinary teams, including doctors, police, social workers, psychologists and therapy staff in one child-friendly and child-centred location. They are the vision of Basil Hanna and the result of his leadership at Parkerville. He has done a fantastic job in bringing that vision to fruition on the ground in clinical services and in advocating for and bringing along community partners and donors—George Jones in the case of the Armadale centre, and now Jean and Stan Perron in the case of the Midland centre; they will have that centre named after them. As I said, more than 1 000 people attended the fundraising lunch on Friday, which shows what an amazing fundraising job Parkerville does under the leadership of Basil Hanna.

Lotterywest has contributed 39 grants to Parkerville since 1988; I am not sure if we have figures going back any further than that, but over that time Parkerville has received a total of \$8 million from Lotterywest. This is the sort of joined-up clinical and service one-stop shop we need for traumatised victims of child sex abuse. They only have to tell their story once, and clinicians and service providers are located in the same place, supported by other disciplines in the same location. I think we need to bring that approach to other areas, including family and domestic violence responses and mental health treatment. We need co-located, wraparound services for vulnerable people and not expect them to have to traverse their way through different services. I commend Lotterywest's support for Parkerville and the work it continues to do through its child advocacy centres and child protection work. We can see the contribution Lotterywest makes to the development of important services.

Lotterywest also provides seed funding for research into and evaluation of social services. I firmly believe community services has to do a lot better in this area. Too often our services are judged on their intent rather than their effectiveness. We have to be better at assessing the effectiveness of our efforts in community services, particularly through longitudinal studies over time of the people we assist, including, as I mentioned earlier, children or anyone else who has suffered sexual abuse, and women and children who are affected by family and domestic violence. We need to find out how they are going in a year's time, two years' time and five years' time. We also need to be a lot better at assessing the effectiveness of our efforts in homelessness. A lot of people come through various services around the state and are assisted by various homelessness support services; we need to know how they are going a year later and two years later.

I was very pleased in January this year to meet with Ruah Community Services to present a grant of \$131 000 towards the evaluation of the Ruah-led "50 Lives 50 Homes" initiative. This is a housing-first approach led by more than 20 not-for-profit organisations that have come together to make a coordinated, joined-up effort to house and provide support for the most vulnerable cohort of street-present homeless people in Western Australia. It has been incredibly effective. As the name suggests, it was originally designed to house 50 people and give them homes but also, importantly, to provide them with coordinated support. The second evaluation report was funded by Lotterywest and was released last month. It indicates that, to date, 147 people have been housed in 109 homes, and about 80 additional clients are supported by lead workers. More than 80 per cent of those people have been in

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those homes for more than a year. The most vulnerable, street-present cohort of homeless people is targeted by the “50 Lives 50 Homes” project.

That is the sort of evaluation we need to set up as a matter of course in our community services work, whether for homelessness, family and domestic violence, youth services or child protection work. We need to look at the data and analyse how effective our efforts are over the long term. In this case, the funding provided by Lotterywest to Ruah at the beginning of the year as the lead agency for that initiative has given us a measure of the effectiveness of the outcomes we are starting to see through that project. In fact, we have asked Deb Zanella, the chief executive officer of Ruah Community Services, who is also on our Supporting Communities Forum, to work with the director general of the Department of Communities, Grahame Searle, who is overseeing a homelessness strategy for the Supporting Communities Forum, which is the lead consulting and partnership forum that has been set up by the government to consult and work with the community sector.

Finally, another area in which we are able to work with Lotterywest, and for which we are indebted to Lotterywest, is in providing vital funds that bring people together at the local level through community-led projects. I think many members would be familiar with the fantastically sustainable and energised model of community capacity of playgroups. They are great organisations that have been around for many decades. They operate at a very low cost and are very effective in connecting local parents with other families in the community. They bring parents, often mums, and their children together where the children can play in an informal setting. Parents can connect with other parents and, of course, the kids get to play in an unstructured environment in which they, and their parents, learn important socialising and networking skills.

In August this year, I presented a Lotterywest grant to Playgroup WA, which is the peak agency for playgroups throughout the state. Playgroup WA establishes playgroups across the state and supports those services. There are 450 member playgroups affiliated with Playgroup WA. Since 1989, Lotterywest has approved grants totalling over \$1.8 million to Playgroup WA, which is a fantastic contribution. Community playgroups are funded by parents and carers and operated by parents and carers at a very low cost, as most members would be aware. As I said, it is a fantastically sustainable model of community engagement. The Lotterywest grant that I gave in August was for \$690 000, which is a significant amount. Playgroup WA will administer that grant over a three-year small grants program to individuals community-based playgroups. Playgroups will be able to apply directly to Playgroup WA for funding to purchase toys, education resources and other equipment. Playgroup WA will be the broker, if you like, so that individual playgroups do not have to go to Lotterywest. The small grants program will enable Playgroup WA to respond more flexibly to the needs of smaller and new groups that may not meet the existing minimum thresholds for Lotterywest grants. That is another great example of how Lotterywest is supporting community-led projects. I know that those sorts of projects exist in my electorate, and looking at the avid interest that I see across the chamber, I know that Lotterywest has made fantastic contributions in the electorates of members of the other side of the house. As I said, I am indebted to the system in Western Australia in which the community gets the benefit of the lottery system. I am indebted to not only the McGowan government, but also past governments that have kept the public good in this process.

I commend the minister sitting alongside me, the Minister for Racing and Gaming, for helping shepherd together this package to secure the presence of Lotterywest in our system. Without Lotterywest, our community would be all the poorer not just financially but also in community infrastructure. I see that every week in my ministerial portfolios. I am again very indebted, and I commend the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 to the house.

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah — Minister for Local Government) [7.34 pm]: I know that members think it is unusual for me to rise to speak to such a bill, but I feel that I need to. I feel that I need to because —

The SPEAKER: Who didn't turn up?

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: I thought he was going to adjourn the house!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: So did I! I was tempted.

I want to make a substantial contribution to the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Oh, they jest!

It is important that I make this contribution because, of course, we are speaking about a significant reform and, indeed, protection of a Western Australian institution in the Lotterywest entity. Many members who have made contributions have highlighted the uniqueness of Lotterywest to Western Australia, the unique nature of the model

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we have in Western Australia as compared with models in the other states and territories in this nation and, of course, that the funds sourced from Lotterywest activity and returned directly to the community are very, very significant.

I want to highlight a couple of aspects that need to be put on the record. I know members in this and the other place regularly ask to present Lotterywest cheques on behalf of the Premier, who is the minister responsible for the Lotteries Commission Act 1990 and, indeed, the Lotterywest entity. I hope that when members present cheques at those opportunities they reinforce just how unique and crucial this model is in funding so many worthwhile projects and elements of the Western Australian community. The Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services highlighted some of the significant funding that is returned to the community through Lotterywest proceeds. One that is very significant—I will get on to the money that goes to culture and the arts a bit later—is the amount of money that goes to health annually. Lotterywest proceeds make a remarkable contribution to health. To be honest, I do not think that that is well understood or recognised by those people who, as the member for Perth said, have a particular love for Slikpiks and other Lotterywest things.

Ms S.F. McGurk: Last year, minister, it was \$124.6 million.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: That is a remarkable amount of money. I think we need to highlight more just what happens to that money because I know it goes to great causes. It goes to a whole range of projects in research and support and, as the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence mentioned, projects related to prevention. How often do we talk about the need to not just address issues at the service end of health, if you like, but of the importance of prevention? One of the things that the Minister for Health is particularly interested in is making sure that we enhance that to understand just where that money goes in health.

Of course, the Minister for Sport and Recreation—the agile gent and sporting legend that he is in his home town of Collie—would be very aware of the significant contribution that Lotterywest makes to sport. It is a very important investment that highlights the importance of health and wellbeing for people of all ages. The contribution is part of the statutory element of the legislation that ensures sport gets a significant amount of the funds, which is important.

Then we come to my portfolio—culture and the arts. I had the great privilege yesterday to be in the Kimberley—the magnificent electorate of the member for Kimberley—at One Arm Point. I was onsite of *Dirt Music*, which is one of a record number of films being produced in Western Australia. It is based on Tim Winton's novel. I was up there while the crew, cast and production team were filming part of the movie in that beautiful part of Western Australia. The member for Kimberley has said to me on numerous occasions that she wants to take me up there to have a look; I will now take the member up on that, because it is a remarkable part of Western Australia. It is being showcased in *Dirt Music*. Yesterday, under the ancient sky and with beautiful weather, I was able to present to Screenwest representatives a Lotterywest cheque for \$7 million on behalf of the Premier. It is a remarkable and significant contribution to Screenwest. Of course, Screenwest is a beneficiary of Lotterywest funds and that lasting and important benefit is then spread through the activities of Screenwest and in its support for a growing, burgeoning and important creative industry in Western Australia. It is employing more people, engaging communities where these films are being made, and instilling a sense of great pride amongst the people who live in those communities. Magnificent—all positive things. The member for Roe will be very pleased that the production and film team for *Dirt Music* will be down in Esperance in the next couple of weeks. After they finish filming at One Arm Point, they will be down in Perth for two weeks, and then they will be down in the member's community of Esperance. They will be filming the first parts of that film. They are filming the last parts of the film up at One Arm Point now before the weather has a chance to interfere with their schedule. Then they will be down in Esperance. I am sure that the member for Roe's community will respond like the community of Denmark did when *Breath* was filmed there by Simon Baker. It embraced the activities of the production company, cinematographers and performers, including extras who were gathered from the local community. That will happen in the member's community as well.

Only two weeks ago, I was in Mt Barker in the Plantagenet Hotel. I was very pleased to be there with my very good friend the Minister for Tourism. The Minister for Tourism got there before me; I was a little late.

Mr P. Papalia: Tell them about the cracker speech I made for the launch of the *Field of Light*!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The cracker speech, yes; I could go into the cracker speech, especially when the minister forgot his colleagues in the acknowledgements, but I will not go into that. The important thing was that the Minister for Tourism was there because he is gaining an even greater understanding of the fact that when we are filming in regional Western Australia, we are filming amongst the backdrops of our magnificent landscapes and towns, and we are including our magnificent people of the regions. That is part of how we sell our state. We

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know, through *Dirt Music* for example, that people who see that movie—it will be distributed and seen by people internationally—will see the beauty of the Kimberley region where the member for Kimberley is so proud to come from. They will see the Esperance community.

Mr P.J. Rundle: Did you call into Katanning on the way through to Mt Barker?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am going to tell the member about Katanning in a minute. I will go down there for a bit of rubbity-dubbity; perhaps that is the wrong term. I am going to go down there to the new heritage building!

Ms L. Mettam: Are we finishing early tonight?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I did not think that the member would be bored so quickly. What is wrong? I have not finished; I have not even got wound up yet! How rude!

The SPEAKER: Member for Vasse, the more times you interject, the longer he will go!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am looking with great interest at the old mill that has been transformed in Katanning. I look forward to staying in that boutique hotel, befitting of a culture minister. Apart from that, the member distracted me into Katanning, but it is a great community.

As the Minister for Tourism understands, when *Breath* has been screened —

Mr J.E. McGrath: Is this royalties for regions money or is it out of general revenue?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It is a mix; we have a number of them. There is royalties for regions through the Western Australian Regional Film Fund, we have Lotterywest and we have the government's consolidated contribution to Screenwest as well. But, collectively, it is an investment in our film industry. Thank you, member for South Perth; I do like your distractions.

Mr J.E. McGrath: I like the film industry; it is very important.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The member has been in a number: *Boogie Nights*, I think the member was in that one. I understand that he was an extra, but we will not go into that! I understand that the member was in *Boogie Nights*. I may have seen him in that, not that I have watched the film; people have told me about it. Anyway, now the member for South Perth has totally distracted me; he is a devious man!

The Minister for Tourism understands that in your locality very shortly, Mr Speaker, *H is for Happiness* will be filmed. It is a remarkable story about a 12-year-old girl. She is a wonderful, agitating young woman who embarks on an interesting story of challenge and life. It will be filmed in Albany. Mr Speaker, you will also have Albany mentioned in the film. The City of Albany will be named in the film, which is very important. In Mt Barker, which is in the member for Warren–Blackwood's electorate, I understand that one of the lasting legacies they will leave behind is a new entrance sign, which they have done for the film. The interesting thing with Mt Barker was that the minister and I were out the front; he was inside having a drink, actually, when I first arrived, which was fine —

The SPEAKER: No wonder you were late getting to Albany!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I was late getting to Albany! One of the reasons we stopped was that we were not able to get onto the road because there was an interesting person doing some broggies—does the Minister for Tourism remember that? He is intrigued with my speech and obviously following me.

Mr P. Papalia: The doughnuts around the roundabout?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Yes, he was doing doughnuts around the roundabout. He did about five!

Mr P. Papalia: I was worried about the film crew in the middle of the roundabout!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I thought it was part of the film but then I realised it was actually someone try to get attention. All of these films that are being filmed in Western Australia against magnificent backdrops help to sell our state.

Ms S.F. McGurk interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Yes. They are all magnificent additions or supporters of our brand. That is remarkable. *Go Karts* has just finished filming and is now in the post-production phase. That was filmed in the member for Vasse's electorate. In fact, they used the Busselton jetty as one of the features. We also have a number of magnificent films in the pipeline. I mentioned *Heights* today in question time, which is a 30-part series. The first series has now been completed and there is already interest in the second series. It has a cast and crew of over 150 people. The investment by Lotterywest—an example of what Lotterywest's levered funds can do—is bringing a lot of our creatives back into the state. I was speaking about this to the acting chair of the

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Screenwest board, Mr Rowe, who accompanied us up to One Arm Point. Because of the volume of work, the pipeline of work being progressed, they now live and work in Western Australia. They are now able to live here and carry out their craft of filmmaking without having to leave and go to live in the eastern states or somewhere else. We cannot underestimate that the volume of work in Western Australia is leading the other states and territories. If the question was in which state is there the most film activity filming Australian content, telling Western Australian stories, the answer would be Western Australia. I think that is something we should be very, very proud of.

It is not just in film. This will be very relevant to you, Mr Speaker, because I speak of your dear wife, of course, and the support of Lotterywest institutions such as the Black Swan State Theatre Company, the West Australian Ballet or the West Australian Opera. The significant funding, including grant funding, that comes from Lotterywest, has seen, for example, a production of *The Lighthouse Girl*, which your dear wife, Mr Speaker, is the author of. It was staged and premiered in Albany last year, then staged in the State Theatre Centre. I will need an extension, Mr Speaker, because I have a significant contribution to make. Can I ask for an extension?

The SPEAKER: No! Extension granted.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Thank you.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We saw *The Lighthouse Girl* at the State Theatre Centre, then because it is the magnificent Western Australian story that it is, funding was provided to allow that production to tour regional WA. It was in Mandurah, Bunbury, Esperance—I think it was in Esperance —

The SPEAKER: Karratha.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It was in Karratha at the new centre. It was widely acclaimed. It is a magnificent Western Australian story, a unique Western Australian story.

Mr J.E. McGrath: You should send it interstate. It is a good story.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I think that is one of the things that needs to happen. The board and administrators at the State Theatre Centre would love to see it tour nationally. It should be staged at the Sydney Opera House. It is a uniquely Australian story. The fact that it was timed to be staged at the centenary commemorations of the Anzac legend makes a difference.

Speaking of Anzac legends, we were only with you two weeks ago, Mr Speaker, in Albany when we saw the magnificent turning on of Bruce Munro's installation *Field of Light*, which is up on Mt Clarence. There are 16 000 individual light bulbs. The Minister for Tourism gave a reasonable speech that night to highlight the opening of that.

The SPEAKER: It was a cracker.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The speech acknowledged everyone there except for the Minister for Culture and the Arts, but I am not upset. I have a long memory! Again, as I said in this place last Thursday morning in a brief ministerial statement, Albany is a place that should be a beacon for all Australians to visit during their lifetimes.

Mr J.E. McGrath: It should be a good Liberal seat!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I do not know what happened to it then. The Liberal Party obviously discarded the place to disdain in its time!

It is a remarkable, moving experience. Please, from now to Anzac Day 2019, during the summer period, when members are able to get away, they should get down to Albany and look at the *Field of Light*. It is a remarkable installation from Bruce Munro, a world-acclaimed artist.

The SPEAKER: Member, there is also the Anzac centre.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Of course, a person would not go to look at *Field of Light* without seeing the National Anzac Centre.

Mr J.E. McGrath: Do they have Airbnb in Albany?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: There is many a B&B.

Mr J.E. McGrath: Can we book into an Airbnb when we go down there?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I do not know. I tend to use the more traditional methods.

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: You are a traditional kind of guy!

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Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am a traditional guy with traditional tendencies!

Mr J.E. McGrath: What are you thinking, the Dog Rock Motel or something?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I like to stay in all sorts of appropriate ones!

People should go down to Albany and have a look. Of course, I would like them to do that via Mandurah. On planning their tour, can they please —

Dr A.D. Buti: It is best just to go through Armadale; it is a lot more direct.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: No, we want the more direct route. The more direct route, of course, is through Mandurah. People should stay there for four or five days and then they can go down to Albany after that!

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I will take the member's interjection, as long as he does not hurt me!

Dr A.D. Buti: Has the minister seen the lovely new hotel down in Katanning at the old flour mill?

Mr J.E. McGrath: He has already spoken about it.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I was just talking to the member for Roe. He said he was going to host me.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I know it is very hard to concentrate with the minister on his feet, but you will get back to the bill.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Yes, Lotterywest! The member for Roe will buy me a lotto ticket when we go to the Katanning newsagency and then we will go and have a beverage at the new Dome and check out the boutique nature of the accommodation there, which I hear is magnificent.

Dr A.D. Buti: It is very nice.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: As Richie Benaud would say, "What a marvellous place this is; what a beautiful place it is." He would say that if he were still alive, but unfortunately he is not.

Mr P.J. Rundle: The member for Armadale has already tested it out.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We do not need to go into those details, do we? No! The fact of the matter is that it is worthy of comment.

I have almost finished this remarkable contribution, but I cannot go without speaking about some important and significant annual events, again supported by Lotterywest, including the Perth Festival. In 2018, so early this year, in February, the Perth Festival featured over 270 events at 26 venues, and engaged over 1 100 artists. Again that is through funding from Lotterywest and every dollar is leveraging literally tenfold at least in terms of opportunity. Over 1 150 artists were engaged at this year's Perth Festival, which of course is the oldest festival. It is a unique festival in the Southern Hemisphere, if not the world. In fact, it is rated third, or very highly, behind some of the other festivals in the world. Remarkably, we get large numbers of intrastate, interstate and international visitors to festival events. On this year's figures, over \$1 million was spent just on accommodation, with a total of some 26 000 nights. That is a significant spend.

In his contribution earlier in this debate, the member for Carine highlighted the worrying trend we noticed last year in the 2016–17 budget that saw a decline in Lotterywest income, which we know has an automatic impact on the amounts available to its beneficiaries. I am pleased to say that I understand there has been a correction of that decline, but it underpins the importance of protecting what I think is a unique state asset for Western Australia. That is what this bill introduced by the Minister for Racing and Gaming does. He has introduced a bill that seeks to ensure that we protect the iconic institution of Western Australia that is Lotterywest.

The Minister for Community Services highlighted an allocation of \$15 million to culture and the arts alone. We know that the demand is always going to outstrip supply, but I think the good quality reforms that have taken place, and the reform this bill will create, will ensure we protect as best as possible our institution known as Lotterywest.

In conclusion, I want to highlight the significance of Lotterywest allocations in my electorate of Mandurah and to the City of Mandurah. One is the important Peel youth hub that will open in December this year. That, of course, is a significant investment in the health and wellbeing of young people, in particular, in the region. Located in Allnutt Street in central Mandurah, it is currently under construction and nearing completion. It is on a main arterial road from the railway station road through to the CBD of Mandurah. There has been a significant contribution by

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the state government of \$5 million. That election commitment was made by the now Premier in the lead-up to the election, of course, at my request as the local member. I am pleased to say it was supported by a contribution of \$2 million from the federal government—that is excellent. An additional \$1.8 million came from Lotterywest, and that funding brought that project to its budget of nearly \$9 million. In December we will see a significant co-located entity that will house under its two-storey roof a range of important services, including the Palmerston Association, headspace, the Peel youth medical program —

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: GP down south.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: GP down south will oversee it.

Mr J.E. McGrath: Where exactly will that be?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Next to Mandurah Bowling and Recreation Club. It is very significant. Unfortunately, we continue to have tragedies involving young people, and only recently there have been some in the member for Murray–Wellington's electorate. There have been some very disturbing and tragic outcomes. This will be an important part of how we address that and support young people who have mental health needs. It will be a regional centre. It will provide for those in the member for Murray–Wellington's electorate, the member for Dawesville's electorate and my electorate. It is a very significant commitment and contribution. It is a great example of the three levels of government working together. The City of Mandurah provided the land, and the state and federal governments made significant contributions. The state made the most significant contribution. Members would not think so sometimes, of course, when members on the other side claim that Mandurah has been forgotten. I totally disagree with that, of course.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I must say that the term “The Minister for Health hates Mandurah” is totally off the planet; it is not true. I think the member for Dawesville needs to be careful about what he says, because, quite frankly, that is a ridiculous statement. The health minister does not hate Mandurah. I just think that the member for Dawesville needs to check himself when he uses those sorts of terms, because I do not think it does him any good. That member for Dawesville will attend the opening of that centre. It is interesting that he criticises it, but he will come to the opening because he will want to be there.

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: I don't criticise funding.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: But you have said that nothing has been spent in health and that the Minister for Health hates Mandurah. Sorry; that is not the case.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: No, he did not actually, and that is the whole point. But I will not trivialise that now. Just be mindful of those sorts of comments, because they do not do the member any service when used in that tone and nature. The member may think it is smart, but I do not think it is.

That important centre will open and will again underpin the importance of projects that have broad support, including the support of a great institution—Lotterywest. I congratulate the minister for introducing the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. I hope the opposition supports this important symbol of how important Lotterywest is to Western Australia.

MR S.J. PRICE (Forrestfield) [8.03 pm]: It is with great pleasure that I rise to contribute to this debate on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. It has already been stated that this bill will amend the Betting Control Act 1954 and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987 to protect Lotterywest and implement the policy of supporting a strong and sustainable racing industry and responsible gambling practices within Western Australia. Members are aware that one of the issues addressed through this legislation is the prohibition of Lottoland. Lottoland provides a synthetic gambling opportunity for people and impacts negatively on that very important and unique Western Australian institution of Lotterywest. I will talk about that shortly.

Members are aware that the federal Parliament amended the Interactive Gambling Act 2001 to prohibit betting on the outcome of a contingency of Australian and overseas lottery draws. That essentially, as we all know, refers to Lottoland, from which people do not actually purchase a lotto ticket but bet on the possible outcomes of a lottery somewhere else in the world. The member for Belmont said that this sort of approach to gambling has been referred to as disruptive gambling; it is essentially the Uber of the gambling world. This is the first iteration that we have seen of —

Dr A.D. Buti: Don't mention Uber with the member for Dawesville here—he might get excited!

Mr S.J. PRICE: Uber came in and took advantage of a lack of legislative control, and had a significant impact on the existing taxi industry. Fortunately, the McGowan government, ably led by a review undertaken by the member

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for Armadale, has had the fortitude to put some legislation through this house to address some of the challenges created by Uber and the lack of activity by the previous Liberal–National government. That legislation will deal with some of the issues of current taxi plate holders going forward. In essence, this proactive approach, as the minister stated in his second reading speech —

... futureproofs our state against undesirable products or wagering activities so that these can be managed more easily in the future, without the need to amend legislation.

Lottoland is probably the first iteration of this approach to gambling, and unless something is put in place to prevent it in the future, it certainly will not be the last. It is extremely important to take these proactive steps to ensure the protection of Western Australian institutions such as Lotterywest.

This bill will make a couple of other amendments that the bookies have been asking for for a while. They will derive a benefit from it in the application and calculation of the racing bets levy for betbacks. The bill also includes a new definition of “turnover” around net winnings versus overall turnover of customer bets. Those positive changes have also been called for by the industry.

Another extremely important part of this legislation was touched on by the member for Perth quite adequately. Apart from the need to protect Lotterywest—I will talk about some of the benefits from the grants and the approaches that it takes later on—there is the protection of small businesses that derive an income from and rely on the sale of lotto tickets in Western Australia. Those businesses include newsagencies, lotto kiosks and the like. Many, many moons ago my parents owned the Harvey Newsagency. One of my very early recollections of lotteries is very similar to the member for —

Mrs R.M.J. Clarke: A fine store!

Mr S.J. PRICE: Absolutely. It still is.

The member for Thornlie touched on the old lottery tickets that people used to be able to buy. My recollection is that with the \$1 ticket, \$30 000 could be won, and with a \$2 ticket, \$80 000 could be won.

They were big things at the time. It was during my parents’ ownership of that newsagency, from the mid-1970s into the 1980s, that lotto became a thing. They got a lotto kiosk in their newsagency and I remember the importance of lotto in shifting the income generated by the newsagency. Mum and dad’s newsagency also had a paper round. I have fond memories of getting up at four o’clock on Saturday mornings to wrap papers with dad and then deliver them. Unlike the Leader of the Opposition, *The West Australian* has always been very good to my family over the years. I remember when *The West Australian* cost 12c. The difficulties newsagencies face these days in maintaining their relevance and earning an income that allows them to survive are significant. Over the years lotto has always provided an alternative source of income for newsagencies and kiosks. Also within this space, supermarkets have been able to sell products that newsagencies relied on for their income. It started with newspapers being sold in some supermarkets, and then expanded to supermarkets selling magazines, cards, gift paper and everything else. A lot of products people once could get only from newsagencies are now available from any major supermarket when people buy their groceries. The challenges facing newsagencies have increased over time, but they have always had the protection, I suppose, of knowing that only they could sell lotto tickets. If someone wanted to make an investment and try to win money through a lottery of some sort, people purchased that from newsagencies. Controlling where people brought their lotto tickets always gave newsagencies a point of difference compared with supermarkets where people could pick up everything else they needed. If people want a lotto ticket, they have to go to a newsagency to get it and that enables newsagencies a chance to offer additional products.

There are a number of newsagencies in my electorate. I do not have a Dave like the member for Mount Lawley, but I have a Christian and a Phil. They are almost at opposite ends. One runs a traditional newsagency that sells newspapers, stationery and everything that people want from a newsagency, and the other runs a store that has expanded into selling gifts. The store still sells newsagency line items, such as newspapers and stationery, but it has also turned into a gift store that sells additional products. They both still sell lotto. The purchase of lotto tickets is the biggest attraction to get people into their stores—and hopefully to make a sale as well whilst people are in those shops.

We must be mindful that we protect not only Lotterywest and the benefits that come from Lotterywest as an organisation, but also small business people. That is an extremely important part of the benefits that will be derived from this legislation. As well, a key element of it is to ensure responsible gambling. As we know, there is a lot of opportunity out there for people to gamble these days. The more control we can have over that opportunity going forward, the better. A key element of the legislation is, of course, the restriction of synthetic gambling. There is a lot of support for that. An article in *The Australian* on 29 June by Rhian Deutrom refers to the benefit that would be gained from the Turnbull government outlawing betting on overseas lotteries. It states —

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Australian Lottery and Newsagents Association chief executive Adam Joy said the new laws would bring about important consumer protections by “closing the loophole that lotto betting sites have been operating ...

He said that the lotto betting model had encouraged highly repetitive bets that risk problem gambling, through offshore organisations. He also said —

“This increases risk and it comes at a significant cost to state taxes, and to local, family-run small businesses that employ locally, pay Australian taxes and support the local community,” ...

When the government announced its proposed changes, Daniel Mercer ran a story in PerthNow, titled “Online Lotto ban planned by State Government to help protect Lotterywest”. In that article the Premier outlined its importance, and said —

“The new laws will protect Lotterywest and enable it to continue to provide its outstanding contribution to the community through its grants program.

That is certainly one of the outcomes of this legislation also.

An editorial in *The West Australian* of 24 September, titled “Protection for Lotterywest is a good step for the community”, states —

Lotterywest recorded a 3.4 per cent increase in ticket sales for the 2017–18 financial year, equating to sales of \$855 million. Of that, \$260 million was returned to the community in grants.

That is a significant amount of money returned to the community.

Everyone is in favour of the proposal that has been put forward. It would be great for the opposition get on board and to support these changes, because we have to protect not only this Western Australian institution, but also small business. As previous speakers have said, Lotterywest is a unique Western Australian organisation. I, too, will touch on some of the benefits of Lotterywest and some of the grants that have been provided to my electorate and the broader City of Kalamunda. Before I do that, the figures are quite amazing. The Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence was speaking earlier, and I do not think that the community appreciates how much money is returned to the community via Lotterywest. The infographic on its website is quite telling. It shows that over \$260 million has been returned to the community. As it states, \$15.6 million has gone to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for sport, as the member for Mandurah outlined. I will touch on that a little later as well. Another \$15.6 million went to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for the arts; \$124.6 million went to the WA Department of Health for health. Lotterywest makes an incredible contribution to that department. There has been \$103.9 million in direct grants to community organisations and \$15.1 million has been provided to the University of Western Australia for the Perth Festival and ScreenWest. An amount of \$88.8 million has gone to other not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities. There have been 785 grants to 699 different not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities. That is absolutely incredible. That is why we need to protect this organisation as much as we can. Lotterywest provides a vital source of support for public hospitals, sports organisations, the arts and thousands of community groups. That is made possible only because retailers and players support the purchase of Lotterywest products. It is only Lotterywest products that provide this return to the community. The purchase of synthetic gambling, such as through Lottoland, does nothing other than line the pockets of the owners of those particular organisations and there is no benefit for the Western Australian community from people purchasing those tickets.

Lotterywest provides an opportunity for a lot of different organisations within our community to apply for grants. A significant range of grants are available for different types of organisations and not for profits within our community.

One of them is the Anzac centenary, and we have heard of some of its grants recently. There is a grant program called Big ideas; there are community and workplace building grants; community event grants; community space outdoor grants; emergency relief, as was mentioned earlier by the member for Mirrabooka; furniture and equipment grants; heritage and conservation grants; organisational development grants; regional performing arts grants; research grants; and vehicle grants. There is a whole range of opportunities for different organisations to apply for grant funding from Lotterywest. If anyone has ever had the fortunate opportunity of dealing with Lotterywest to apply for a grant, they would have found how amazing is the help and guidance Lotterywest gives to organisations to ensure they have the best possible chance of acquiring the grants they are seeking.

I briefly want to touch on some of the grants that have been provided within the electorate of Forrestfield. In April this year, Directions Disability Support Services Inc received a grant for over \$89 000 towards a building fit-out to support services for people with disability and their families in the south east metropolitan area. Directions Disability Support Services Inc is based in Maddington. The Foothills Information and Referral Service in Forrestfield received \$46 000 towards emergency relief to support people in the North East Metropolitan Region

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experiencing financial hardship. The Veteran Car Club of WA, a very old establishment in Wattle Grove, which has 1 100 members, received a grant of \$180 000 to build a shed to help with training facilities on its property. That has been completed now and will be opened, I think, within a couple of weeks, and that will be great. The Liddelow Homestead Arts and Crafts Club Inc received about \$8 000. It is based in Kenwick, and that grant was to provide equipment to support the organisation's activities in arts and crafts in the Gosnells area. A range of grants have been awarded to various organisations.

[Member's time extended.]

Mr S.J. PRICE: In the broader City of Kalamunda there have been a number of Lotterywest grants: the Darlington Arts Festival received \$24 000; Zig Zag Community Arts Inc received \$20 000 towards the Zig Zag Festival; and the City of Kalamunda received \$2.5 million towards the Kalamunda Community Learning Centre, a project that has been under consideration, planning and development by the City of Kalamunda for quite a long time. It is through Lotterywest that the learning centre was finally able to be developed. The Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence mentioned earlier that Parkerville Children and Youth Care Inc received a significant grant in April this year from Lotterywest to support children and families affected by abuse and trauma. It goes on. Once again, a very broad range of organisations has received funding of a very broad category of amounts granted to these organisations. It is wonderful to see that there is such a diversity within Lotterywest to accommodate all the different organisations and groups within our communities.

The member for Mandurah spoke about the \$7 million Lotterywest grant to support development of Western Australian film, television and digital media and that WA is currently the nation's busiest filmmaking state for Australian film and television production. I have to say that I have only recently seen *Breath*, the film version of Tim Winton's book *Breath*. Having read the book and seen the film, as an aspiring young surfer before sharks were invented, I had a very strong interest in the book and the film was a wonderful version of the book. I am certainly looking forward to seeing *Dirt Music* as well. The Kimberley is an area that I have a soft spot for. I refer to the member for Kimberley's traditional lands up through Halls Creek and up to the top end where there is, I think, the Bardi up at One Arm Point. It would be incredible to see that amazing scenery and coastline. I am not sure whether it goes down towards Cable Beach, but the contrast between that as it heads down to Esperance will be amazing. The funding from Lotterywest to continue our culture and arts development within the state is significant and one that, once again, needs to be protected, and that is what we are doing.

In conclusion, we heard tonight about the importance of ensuring that we put the appropriate legislation in place not only to futureproof Lotterywest within WA but also to provide the protection we should be providing to small business people to ensure they too can generate an adequate income from the sale of lotto and lottery tickets within Western Australia. Crucial to this is the banning of synthetic gambling. Who knows what is coming around the corner, so to put in legislation that allows futureproofing of the industry is a very smart way to approach it. We cannot underestimate the importance of this legislation to the whole Western Australian community. The more people understand the significance of what is being debated tonight, which, hopefully, will have the full support of this house, the more people appreciate exactly what has been done.

On that, I would certainly like to congratulate the Minister for Racing and Gaming for this legislation and for having the fortitude to be proactive and to get this legislation up to protect the Western Australian businesses and organisations now and into the future. On that note, I certainly commend this bill to the house.

DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale) [8.27 pm]: I also would like to contribute to the debate on the Gaming and Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. It is interesting to be following the member for Forrestfield. I always enjoy listening to the member for Forrestfield. He is always very measured, logical and very easy to listen to. I am sure that will not be the same when members listen to my contribution. I was not going to talk about this, but he spent some time at the beginning talking about newsagencies, which, of course, are close to his heart as his parents ran the newsagency in Harvey. He is right; newsagencies do depend, to a large extent, on lotteries to attract customers. They have been fighting an uphill battle trying to make a living because, as we know, Coles, Woolies and other places now sell newspapers and many of the products that were once the exclusive domain of newsagencies. It is therefore important that, as much as possible, they are protected in maintaining the revenue that can be generated from lottery sales. We know they are very supportive of the bill before the house. No doubt, the Liberal Party, which always claims to be the champion of small business, will also be very supportive of the measures the minister brought before the house last week.

I want to talk initially a bit about Lottoland. We have mentioned Gibraltar. I have a connection to Gibraltar. I am not sure whether the minister in his military life ever went to Gibraltar. No; because of course there is quite a large British military presence in Gibraltar. My father-in-law was born in Gibraltar and my wife lived there for two years as a young child. We visited Gibraltar a few years ago. It is a fascinating place. It is a rock but much more than a rock. It is probably the place where I have seen the greatest harmony between religions and ethnic groups. Many

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different religions and ethnic groups live within this small area known as Gibraltar, and because they have to live in such a tight space, they have learned to live with each other in a very harmonious way. Obviously, in bringing this bill before the house, it will reduce the amount of money that goes back to Gibraltar. That is fine. Our duty is to represent the citizens and residents of Western Australia, not the citizens of Gibraltar.

Lottoland has been a major force in a number of countries. I understand it is licensed to operate in Italy, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Gibraltar, and obviously also in Australia. As we know, the federal government had major concerns about the effects of Lottoland and brought in legislation to prohibit Lottoland from operating in this country. In many respects, the legislation that we are now debating seeks to work in concert with the commonwealth legislation and to futureproof this state against contingencies that we do not know about yet.

The member for Forrestfield mentioned an article in *The Australian*. I want to refer to an article in *The Sydney Morning Herald* by Nick Toscana. That article was written after the federal legislation had been passed. The article states —

The passage of the bill —

This is the commonwealth bill —

is also being hailed as a win for hundreds of lottery-selling newsagents, who have been fighting an aggressive campaign against the Gibraltar-based Lottoland, arguing the popular website has been hurting their small businesses and eroding millions of dollars in state lottery taxes that otherwise have helped pay for important community services and infrastructure.

“This will protect Australia from synthetic lotteries and will bring important new consumer protections by closing the loophole that lotto betting sites have been operating out of,” said Adam Joy, chief executive officer of the Australian Lottery and Newsagents Association.

“We now call on all synthetic lottery operators to do the right thing by Australians and cease offering these products immediately.”

Further in the article, it states —

“The Victorian lottery delivers over \$400 million for the funding of hospitals, and over \$100 million to venues, the newsagents and convenience stores that sell lottery tickets, and that’s what the lottery is about,” ...

“The lottery is not there to make oodles of money for the operator, it’s there to drive returns to the community as well, but Lottoland paid zero tax and actually gave nothing back to the Victorian community at all.”

That situation has been mirrored in Western Australia. Therefore, the importance of the bill before the house cannot be underestimated.

Interestingly, an independent Lottoland foundation is based in the city of Hamburg in Germany. It is funded by Lottoland and has been in existence since 2016. That provides some money to charitable organisations in German-speaking countries, but of course, it provides nothing in Australia.

Members on this side have talked about the importance of Lotterywest. The member for Forrestfield talked about the old-style lottery tickets. I am a bit older than the member. I remember when the first prize was \$16 000.

Mr C.J. Tallentire: It cost 80c to buy a ticket.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Yes, 80c to buy a ticket, and \$16 000 in prize money, which in today’s terms would be worth at least a couple of hundred thousand dollars. This would all be foreign to the member for Dawesville!

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: Ancient history!

Dr A.D. BUTI: It would be ancient history! That was at a time when people did their Junior Certificate, and everyone’s results were published in the weekly newspaper. There were no privacy laws at that time. Does the member for Cottesloe remember that from his days at university?

Dr D.J. Honey: They had just stopped doing that when I did my Leaving Certificate.

Dr A.D. BUTI: I did not do my Leaving Certificate. I must be a bit younger than the member for Cottesloe. Does the member for Churchlands remember going to see his university results at the end of the year, and if a subject was missing against the person’s name, it meant they had failed the subject?

Mr S.K. L’Estrange: No. I am not that old, member.

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Dr A.D. BUTI: There was no privacy issue in those days. Everyone knew who had passed and who had failed.

As we know, the winnings from Lotterywest competitions and games are now more substantial than the old \$16 000 in prize money. What is more important is the revenue that is generated by Lotterywest.

Mr D.A. Templeman: They used to drill them out of marbles.

Dr A.D. BUTI: They still do that, do they not?

Mr D.A. Templeman: No. They used to have a big vat with little marbles in it, and they would put in a big long spoon.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Did the minister play marbles at school?

Mr D.A. Templeman: No; I only heard about it.

Dr A.D. BUTI: As was mentioned by the Minister for Racing and Gaming, a lot of the money that is generated from Lotterywest goes to the Department of Health for hospital and health services, and to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for sport and for culture and the arts.

Mr P. Papalia: The arts!

Dr A.D. BUTI: Yes, the arts!

Community groups are also beneficiaries of substantial Lotterywest donations and contributions. It is interesting to note from the Lotterywest 2017–18 annual report that more than \$260 million was allocated to the Western Australian community. Statutory grants included \$15.6 million to the Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries for sport, and \$15.6 million for arts; and 124.6 million to the Department of Health; and \$103.9 million was approved for Lotterywest direct grants. That includes \$15.1 million to the Perth Festival and Screenwest for investment in the Western Australian screen industry. We have mentioned films that have been made in Western Australia. Tim Winton's book *Breath* has been made into a film, and his book *Dirt Music* is now being filmed in the Kimberley. Is that right, member for Kimberley?

Ms J. Farrer: Yes.

Dr A.D. BUTI: There was also an amount of \$88.8 million for other not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities. Lotterywest approved 785 grants to 699 different not-for-profit organisations and local government authorities. That is incredibly important. That is why it was incumbent on this government to do something about the threat that was being posed by Lottoland.

Mr J.E. McGrath: There is no threat anymore. It's all gone now. The federal government fixed it.

Mr P. Papalia: You're absolutely certain that everything the federal government has done is adequate?

Mr J.E. McGrath: There is no threat anymore.

Mr P. Papalia: There is no threat anywhere else?

Mr J.E. McGrath: I would not think so. I am not saying we are doing the wrong thing. I am saying I do not think the threat is there that we thought was there.

Mr P. Papalia: It was a silly criticism that your colleagues engaged in and you should stay away from them.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Member for South Perth, the fact is that this legislation is futureproofing this state from possible vulnerabilities that we do not know about yet.

Mr J.E. McGrath: I understand that.

Dr A.D. BUTI: That is good. I am glad the member is very supportive of the bill.

Hon Simone McGurk in her capacity as Minister for Child Protection; Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence; Community Services mentioned the George Jones Child Advocacy Centre.

Mr J.E. McGrath: A good South Perth resident, George Jones.

Dr A.D. BUTI: That is good. The centre is based in Armadale. It is an unbelievable facility. It is run by Parkerville Children and Youth Care. There is another centre in Midland. If members have a chance to visit the centre, I would advise them to do so. Of course it is sad that we need such a facility to cater for children who have been subjected to sexual abuse. It is a very forward-looking operation. It provides a number of services under the same roof that children who have been subjected to sexual abuse have to comply with or be processed by. I have nothing but high regard for that centre in my electorate. I wish we did not need to have such a centre, but we do. That centre has also been the beneficiary of Lotterywest grants.

I want to pre-empt any comments from the member for Dawesville. Last week when members on this side were talking about Lotterywest grants in their electorates, the member for Dawesville kept saying, "Oh, yes; a Labor

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electorate". I think Lotterywest has also benefited Liberal electorates. The member for Vasse would be very well aware of this because during the Vasse by-election, if I remember correctly, a massive Lotterywest cheque was presented. What did it go to? I cannot remember.

Ms L. Mettam: The Busselton Youth Precinct.

Dr A.D. BUTI: It was money very well spent. I think there was a bit of tension with the National Party over that because it was running a very strong campaign to win that seat from the Liberal Party.

In my electorate, the Armadale Bowling Club received a \$5 000 Lotterywest grant to provide indoor bowling equipment. Of course, bowling is of particular benefit to older people in the Armadale electorate. Crossways community services, which does a great service in the south east metropolitan area, was awarded \$78 000 for emergency relief to support people experiencing financial hardship. The Kelmscott–Pinjarra 10th Light Horse Memorial Troop, which, I think, came to Parliament not so long ago, received a grant of \$5 893 for equipment to help commemorate and celebrate Australia's military history. The City of Armadale received \$35 000 for a series of free community events and activities in the south east metro area to bring the community together. Last year, more than \$4 million was awarded to the City of Armadale to rebuild Champion Centre, which focuses on providing various support and activities for the Indigenous population of the south east metro area, particularly those in the Armadale area, and other people in the area who need assistance. That great service was being run from a very old and tired facility that had outgrown its use. The \$4 million is part of a complete revamping of that area. That is a major contribution to my area that is all coming from Lotterywest grants.

Mr J.E. McGrath: Member, why did they call it Champion Centre?

Dr A.D. BUTI: Because it is on Champion Drive, I think. I imagine that was the reason.

Dr D.J. Honey: Not another one named after you, member for South Perth!

Dr A.D. BUTI: There was going to be a centre named after the member for South Perth, was there not? Did that get Lotterywest funding?

Mr J.E. McGrath: No, the people of South Perth funded it.

Ms S.F. McGurk: What was the horse's name?

Dr A.D. BUTI: The horse?

Mr J.E. McGrath: It might have had some Lotterywest money. It was bipartisan.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Does the member for South Perth own a racehorse?

Mr J.E. McGrath: No, my wife owns a couple.

Dr A.D. BUTI: There we go! Of course, that would be on his pecuniary interest declaration, would it not?

Mr P. Papalia: That is a pecuniary liabilities list.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Yes, liability.

More seriously, the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 seeks to amend two pieces of legislation, as has been mentioned previously—the Betting Control Act 1954 and the Gaming and Wagering Commission Act 1987. Mention has been made about the downside of gambling. Some people are severely affected by gambling and have an addiction to gambling. It can be incredibly harmful and disastrous to not only the individual, but also their family members. We talk about the link between drugs and crime and there is significant linkage between gambling addiction and crime, particularly in the workplace. The criminal conviction of stealing as a servant—the number of people who steal from their employer to feed a gambling addiction—is rather high. The thing about the member for Warnbro in his government and shadow portfolios is that he does not just think about part of it; he takes a holistic approach.

[Member's time extended.]

Dr A.D. BUTI: Although we want to reap the benefits from gambling—lotto is gambling, obviously—and other wagering activity, we also want to minimise the possible consequences of people who are addicted to gambling. Most people are not addicted to gambling. Most people who gamble are not addicted to gambling—thank goodness for that. I have bought a lotto ticket. I have never played at a casino. I have only once put on a bet at a TAB and that was Melbourne Cup day about 15 years ago. I do not personally like going into TABs, but they are very popular. Most people can enjoy a flutter on the horses, trots or greyhounds without it affecting their ability to function as individuals.

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Mr J.E. McGrath: It's the same with alcohol. Most people can handle alcohol, but some people have a real problem with it.

Dr A.D. BUTI: That is exactly right. Of course, if one comes from the Liberal Democrats point of view, there should be no regulations. When a similar bill was before the federal Parliament, Liberal Democrat Senator David Leyonhjelm opposed it and referred to it as a "shameful protectionist measure" that would "lock out a new and innovative business". He said, "We should not be closing down business, we should be encouraging them" and "I condemn this bill". I suppose that Lottoland is new and innovative but I do not think it is a positive business. That is where I have a major problem with the hardline Liberal Democrats. I am sure the Liberal Party must really hate the Liberal Democrats because people vote for them thinking that they are voting for the Liberal Party—there is no doubt that is true. I do not mind that happening to a degree, but the Liberal Democrats live in a different universe. Yes, we might want to reduce regulations but we live in a society that needs certain regulations. We can always argue over the degree of regulations. Before he saw the Transport (Road Passenger Services) Bill 2018, the member for Dawesville thought the taxi legislation was going to be much more intrusive and prohibitive of Uber, but I am led to believe that it was proved that that was not the case. I have a story about Uber, member for Dawesville. Before the 2016 AFL grand final—the Bulldogs versus the Sydney Swans—Tony Liberatore, who was a very prominent player in that grand final, arrived at the MCG and went into the change rooms only to find that he had left his boots at home. What did they do?

Mr J.E. McGrath: It was not Tony Liberatore, it was the other one.

Dr A.D. BUTI: Was that the father?

Mr J.E. McGrath: Tony played in the 1990s.

Dr A.D. BUTI: What is the son's name? It was a Liberatore. They rang his housemate and said, "Find those boots, ring up an Uber and get to the ground as soon as possible". There you go! What an advertisement for Uber.

Mr J.E. McGrath: The member for Dawesville might have been the Uber driver.

Dr A.D. BUTI: He may have been, indeed.

I conclude my comments by saying that this bill is incredibly important, firstly, to protect small business operators, newsagents in particular. Secondly, it is important because it will remove the parasitic organisation known as Lottoland, even though I have a soft spot for Gibraltar. Thirdly, it is important for the continued viability of Lotterywest and the fantastic work it undertakes and the grants it provides for our community and statutory groups.

MRS J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI (Kingsley) [8.49 pm]: I wanted to get up tonight to make a short contribution to debate on the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018. In dealing with the issue as a whole tonight, rather than the individual pieces, I have to admit that I was slightly conflicted about this issue. Although I usually completely disagree with selling government assets—such as what the previous government suggested doing with Western Power, which I think was an ill-conceived thought bubble, but it realised it was out of touch and made a desperate attempt to claw back some credibility after years of financial recklessness—I also think that it leaves something to be desired that a government be involved in gambling. As the member for Armadale just went through, gambling has some very damning effects on society. One of the reasons we are proud to be Western Australians is that we do not have pokies here in every bowling centre, pub and club. While living in Ireland and spending some time in the United Kingdom with family members, it always shocked me that when we would go for a night out together to have a few drinks, one or another of my family members would disappear. We would ask, "Where have they gone?" and find them either standing outside the toilets or in the foyer just putting money into a pokie. It was a foreign concept for us because we have not had access to pokies in the same way. Coming back to Western Australia, not having pokies was one of the things I was really proud of because their impact on society is far worse than any benefit we could derive from allowing them to be prolific throughout our pubs, clubs and community sporting facilities. I was very conflicted by these two things, thinking that we should not be selling a revenue stream and a government asset, but equally, we should not be involved in gambling.

As a former small business owner, I am very concerned about the impact on all the different types of small businesses that are involved in this issue. The member for Forrestfield rightfully brought up the issue of news agencies and the revenue streams that they get from selling lotto tickets. The member for Belmont spoke about betting agencies and TAB owners. I, too, was contacted by a member of my community who owns a percentage of a TAB. Although I think that all TAB owners and small business owners would prefer to have more, they are quite happy with the offer they are being given, which is remarkably more than what they have now. The small business that I owned was not in a space that was regulated by government. I owned a party hire and products shop but, unfortunately, it was at the same time that Big W and Spotlight decided it would be a really good space for them to get into. With the massive purchasing power of Big W and Spotlight, they were able to undercut our

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business to such an extent that it made it almost non-viable. There was no protection for us at the time. We were not in a government-protected industry. It was a really hard thing to go through, seeing my business being whittled away by someone else. My Party Plus store was in Osborne Park. As small business owners, we were constantly being asked by people in our local Osborne Park community for donations and discounts. When we could, we absolutely gave them to the community because, as corporate citizens of the Osborne Park area, we thought it was our duty to give back as much as we could. I found it quite frustrating because I would always question whether the party supply sections—not the companies overall—of the Big Ws and the Spotlights were doing the same for their communities. My gut would say that they were probably not.

These small businesses have been operating in a government-regulated industry for quite some time and have been suffering the consequences of a new player—a destructive technology player like Lottoland and other synthetic lotteries. Some of the things we are putting in place will allow them to gain more benefit and have some recall on some of the turnover that they have lost over the years. It was lost through the lack of action of previous government members, who, as we have seen with so many things, stuck their heads in the sand and ignored it, hoping it would go away. For years, we could see businesses like Uber and Ola coming because they were happening in the United States and the United Kingdom, but the previous government just pretended they did not exist, so when they did land in Western Australia, we were ill-equipped to handle them. I commend the minister for having the forethought to futureproof our industry. Yes, some federal government legislation has gone some way to protecting local lotto industries. This is making sure that we are taking as many steps as possible to protect them into the future.

That brings me to the point that many members have touched on tonight—Lotterywest. It still has that conflict for me because it is still gambling. Like we said, buying a lottery ticket is still gambling. I do it and many of my family members do it. We are very fortunate that, like many people who buy lotto tickets, we do not have an issue with gambling. The part of Lotterywest that is the envy of many people not only in Australia but also across the world is the social conscience and social contribution that it makes to our Western Australian community. It is unlike the Lottolands and other synthetic lotteries that might come in in the future. There is no requirement for them to give back. Lotterywest really does give back. I, too, would like to speak about the film industry in Western Australia because Lotterywest is a big supporter of the film industry. Not only do we support these films to get off the ground, which is great, but we also get to showcase our picturesque scenery and our talent. We live in one of the most picturesque places in the world and, through these films, we get to showcase that to the world. For the film industry in particular, taxpayers get bang for their buck because film producers and companies take the money that is invested in them by Lotterywest and multiply it. They make sure that they employ people here in Western Australia, which grows the industry. It is a small industry here in Western Australia but it is through the revenue streams of Lotterywest and through Screenwest and other agencies that this industry, which is really in its infancy, is starting to bloom. We are starting to get traction here in Western Australia and we are starting to see local talent being showcased more and more in these films.

Lotterywest has also had a big impact in my local community. Only in the last six months, I pulled up the data on the grants that Lotterywest has given out in my community. The Kingsley Community Carols Festival was given \$11 400. I attended the festival last year and it was one of the best community cohesive events that I have ever been to. Local schools, churches and sporting groups were involved. Everybody was invited to these community Christmas carols. Local businesses set up stalls to sell food for dinner and there were petting zoos and bouncy castles for the kids. The amount of community spirit that was fostered in that one event was well worth the \$11 400 that was invested by Lotterywest.

Regarding the Montessori playgroup in Kingsley, we only have to look to the research on early intervention in education to understand how important play is in a child's life and how much they learn through play-based learning. The Montessori playgroup in Kingsley is an organisation that takes the play-based learning philosophy and runs with it. It got a \$7 600 grant to purchase some new toys for play-based elements for these children in my community to give them the best start in life. It is another fantastic community group that has received this Lotterywest funding.

Two of the biggest recipients of Lotterywest funding in my community are also two of the most important service providers for my community. I will first talk about Kira Community Services, which I was very fortunate to take the Minister for Disability Services to last Friday. He got to see just what they do at Kira. Kira is a disability service provider in Greenwood. It also has satellite hubs in Mindarie and Currabine. It offers services to the disability sector. On its activity planner for October was a variety of shows, fun and fitness, and sessions with Junkadelic. If members have not seen what Junkadelic is, I really suggest they have a look. It essentially uses junk to create art, and some of the pieces that these groups create are amazing. There is also music, dance and Pilates. A whole variety of things are offered to members of my community who live with a disability. Kira also provides support for parents, with camps and respite. That is for not just clients, but also their extended families. Kira wraps

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those services around the families so they can have the experiences that other members of the community may take for granted, such as going on a family camping holiday, which for some people would be too hard and overwhelming. When I was looking into Kira, I came across this beautiful story, and I will read it for members. It is off the Kira website and it is called “Making Jam with Gio.” It states —

Gio loves being part of his community. The Kira team support Gio to volunteer at Landsdale Farm School each ... week —

In Madam Acting Speaker's (Ms M.M. Quirk) electorate —

Gio's recent achievement puts a smile on his face... a clear measure of success in our books.

With the onset of the warmer weather, Gio noticed the fruit from the Mulberry trees at the farm were overflowing. While on a tea break with his fellow workers, Gio mentioned:

“Someone should make mulberry pie with all the fruit on the trees”.

Gina —

His carer for the day —

encouraged Gio's great idea, but also thought that making jam would use more of the fruit! And so, the adventure began with Gio and Gina using their time away from the farm to plan their jam making.

It has taken Gio and Gina three weeks to carefully pick, process and produce jars of delicious jam.

The first week was pretty messy as Gio picked berries from the trees. Both Gina and Gio were covered in mulberry juice after each session.

The second week involved shopping, where Gio planned and purchased the ingredients he would need to make the jam, such as sugar, pectin, lemon juice and jam jars.

The final week was spent at Kira's kitchen making jam. This involved cooking the berries, adding LOTS of sugar, lemon juice for taste, and pectin to help the jam 'set'. Once the mixture had cooked, the sterilised jars were filled and lids carefully screwed shut.

Gio is proud about learning this new skill, and is especially pleased to be able to share his creation with his family and friends for Christmas.

To me that encapsulates exactly what Kira is about. It is not about providing meaningless services; it is also about providing meaningful experiences. Kira has received a \$118 000 grant to expand its services to Currambine and Mindarie, and I know those communities will benefit as much as my community in Kingsley has, particularly the suburb of Greenwood.

Community Vision Australia is a service provider based out of Joondalup, but with a number of hubs in Kingsley and Woodvale. It offers a massive range of services—disability support, services for parents looking for family day care, carers, seniors' services, veterans' support, services for people living with dementia, volunteers and funding assistance for those going through the National Disability Insurance Scheme at this time of transition.

[Member's time extended.]

Mrs J.M.C. STOJKOVSKI: Some of the disability services offered are for students who go to the schools in my electorate. There are two educational support schools in the electorate, being Creaney Education Support Centre and West Coast Secondary Education Support Centre. I was also very lucky to take the Minister for Disability Services to West Coast Secondary Education Support Centre on Friday, where students were very excited to speak to him on all things environment, as that is his other portfolio.

Community Vision offers lots of things, but one of the things I want to speak to specifically is its dementia support program. Community Vision does not rest on its laurels by any stretch of the imagination. Through the support it has been offering its dementia clients, it came to realise that senses played a really important part in grounding sufferers and helping them to retain long-term memories. A grant of \$272 000 partly went towards creating what is called a sensory room. I was taken into the sensory room at the Woodvale site, which is right in the middle of my electorate. It is not an assault on the senses, but it caters to all the senses of these clients. There is a diffuser that diffuses different smells that clients can remember. If they start remembering or talking about baking gingerbread cookies at Christmas time, staff can diffuse ginger scent to try to ground them and help them remember these things. If they start talking about the time they had a cruise in Croatia, staff can find some footage of Croatia and show it on the wall to these dementia patients. I am very fortunate that I have never had anyone in my family with dementia, at least not that I am aware of, but just from being told, I understand

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it is quite an emotional time for families and sufferers of dementia, particularly when they are lucid, and it can be very frustrating. Some of the things in this sensory room are aimed at helping them calm down and remember what in their past triggered these emotions. This sensory room is a really big part of the push towards providing really adaptive services to dementia clients.

I want to quickly wrap up by saying that these community groups that get funding from Lotterywest often come up with wild and wonderful ways to do their own fundraising, and Community Vision is no exception. Tapping into this sensory aspect of dementia, it has come up with the idea of an event called A Roast to Remember. I will read the caption explaining what it is about. It states —

A Roast to Remember is a bold fundraising initiative which launched in September 2018 to raise awareness for dementia in the community and to raise funds for our very own dementia bus. The bus will be travelling throughout Perth to provide education and respite for those who don't have immediate access to support.

My plea to members here tonight is that if they have people in their community or family with dementia, they should have a look at Community Vision's A Roast to Remember program and consider holding a roast. They can have it at their house. They just put on a roast and everybody brings the potatoes, the Yorkshire pudding or the meat. People coming along, who can just be family members or friends, make a small contribution to A Roast to Remember, which is then donated to Community Vision to be able to purchase and fit out its dementia bus to take services out of my community and into others.

I want to reiterate the good work that Lotterywest does through the few examples I highlighted tonight. I also commend the minister on his very hard and constructive work making sure that small businesses in this state are looked after. I know for a fact, after having had him at a small business forum, that small businesses are a really big passion of his, and he is very keen to see our small businesses, which employ a large section of our community, prosper in Western Australia. Well done, minister. I commend the bill to the house.

MR D.R. MICHAEL (Balcatta) [9.09 pm]: It is good to be able to make a contribution to the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 at this late hour. Many members have stood and said that they are not gamblers and have never or very infrequently laid a bet. I cannot say I am one of those people. Given my past, I am pretty well qualified to talk about this bill. From probably late high school and into university, my mate Glenn, his dad John and I used to make some very cold trips down to Kanyana Park in Mandurah, out to Cannington, and to the odd Friday night at Gloucester Park. Playing cricket on Saturdays kept me away from Ascot, but I went to a Broome Cup and even got to go —

Several members interjected.

Mr D.R. MICHAEL: It was good times! I even went to a Melbourne Cup once. I never really had a lot of money, but I worked out that when online gambling first started, there were bonuses for signing up. At one point I was a member of Sportsbet, Sportingbet, IASbet, TAB Ozbet and a whole host of others just to get the sign-in bonuses. That is what I used to do. I am sure the member for South Perth would like to know we had a particular theory about the dogs, which was to bet favourite, field, field, and hope that the field and field were the roughest dogs that would come in. We would try to get a few dollars that way, but it never seemed to work and we would always have not much money on the way back from Mandurah. Before the freeway went down there, we would stop at what I am pretty sure was the Kwinana McDonald's for dinner on the way home. They were very cold nights coming home from Mandurah!

Dr A.D. Buti: This was before your vegan days, obviously.

Mr D.R. MICHAEL: I am going to move on to that in a second.

I still have some betting accounts, but everyone will be pleased to know, if members think I need to be ringing the gambling helpline—I know some people who need to—that these days it is pretty much restricted. I do not bet on animals anymore. Most members on my side know that I am now a vegan, so I will not bet on animals. I tend to waste a lot of money on my football team that I have been a member of for 23 years—the Fremantle Dockers. Thankfully, I get to make a little bit of money back by betting on Claremont Football Club in the West Australian Football League, and the Perth Wildcats —

Ms S.E. Winton: You sound like you have a problem.

Mr D.R. MICHAEL: Other than that, on the odd occasion I attend bingo at Osborne Park Bowling Club, including last night. I won \$10 last night! That club has one of the smaller TAB agencies, and it is a driving force. When I was on the City of Stirling council, I was part of getting the planning approval to get that in there. I remember when I took it to the City of Stirling council, some of the councillors had been there for a very long time. It was a bit like we saw yesterday—there was this feigned moral outrage that gambling was going on.

Mr P. Papalia: On the other side.

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Mr D.R. MICHAEL: On the other side. It is a lifeline for that club, and I will get to that in a second.

But I do not have a problem. The only other thing I do is that probably once a year I will be found at a blackjack table. Last week we heard it said by the member for North West Central, quoting from *Seinfeld*, that this bill is about nothing. I am standing tonight to say that it is not. This bill has some smaller reforms, but there are five key ones that are quite important. I stood tonight to say that that comment and some of the other comments about the bill not being needed were a bit disingenuous. This bill is important to the sector, whether it is small businesses in the lottery sector or the racing industry.

I will cover off on synthetic lotteries first. I was a member of Lottoland when it first came out. To be honest, I thought I was buying lotto tickets for American lotteries. There were some big draws in America and I thought, “What’s this? We’ve never been able to do this in Australia before. I’ll have a go”, so I signed up. I have not been a member for about a year or so now, I think. I tried it, and I thought I was buying a lotto ticket. Even after I bought it, I thought I was buying a lotto ticket. I have subsequently looked at Lottoland’s website and it tries to give more information about betting and stuff, so I do not know whether the language has changed or I did not read it well in the first place. I legitimately thought I was buying a lotto ticket. Some other betting agencies—bet365 and maybe Sportsbet—offer betting on Australian lotto. Betting on Australian lotto is a particular problem because Lotterywest, and even companies like TattsLotto in the other states, puts a lot of money into marketing and selling lotto tickets. Newsagencies put a lot of money into promoting their products, and a betting company taking bets is riding on it without making any contribution whatsoever.

Obviously, this bill is consistent with the commonwealth legislation, but it has been mentioned tonight that it will futureproof Lotterywest. As we have seen with Uber, Shofar and maybe Lyft one day, these disruptive technologies change at an increasing pace. That this legislation will give the board or commission the power to rule out anything in the future that we cannot even think of yet is really important. So although the bill fits in with the national legislation, it goes further to make sure we can deal with this in the future.

As to synthetic lotteries, I earlier said I have lots of newsagencies in my electorate. Again, I have been playing, with my friends, the same numbers on lotto since 1997, when we were in high school. I am in charge of it. I have tried to get rid of it, but I am in charge. If I am running late for cricket, I have the numbers and sometimes use Lotterywest online, but I try to go to my local newsagencies —

Mr J.E. McGrath interjected.

Mr D.R. MICHAEL: The biggest thing we have had since 1997 is \$666.66 on Super 66, if you were wondering. It was a long time ago, but we live in hope.

It is important to support our local businesses, especially newsagencies. I remember when I first started buying lottery tickets there was Mr and Mrs Yagmich at the newsagency on Wanneroo Road. I would go down there and buy my collections—I still have them—of *MAD* magazines and AFL and cricket cards. Does the member for Dawesville have some *MAD* magazines that we can swap later?

Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup: No, I don’t!

Mr D.R. MICHAEL: Okay.

I would go to the newsagency that was filled with magazines and lotto advertisements. Now, there are no magazines—people buy them online and go to online websites and read things. Those businesses have had to change. They struggle a bit, so it is important to support them and not the synthetic or fake lotteries around the place.

I have a list of some very good grants that have come to the seat of Balcatta in the last 12 months or so. Given the time, I will not go through them all. If members go to Lottoland’s website, it promotes that it gives some money to charities, but it is nowhere near the order of what happens in Western Australia. What Lotterywest does is pretty unique and important, as are the things it supports around the place. There are no politics to it. It gives very good grants and is always very helpful to people who want grants. I remember as an electorate officer sending many groups for the members I worked for, and now as a member, to Lotterywest to find out the grants available, whether they are eligible and just to help them through the process. Synthetic lotteries is one of the five key reforms.

The second one is betbacks for the bookies. There are not many bookies left here in WA, but they have to be able to compete with the eastern states. People sometimes have private bookies in the east to whom they can make a call and put a bet on in Melbourne. They have to compete with bookies in the east and online betting. For them not to be able to at least partially lay a big bet or their book before a race because of the double levy, I suppose, is terrible. It should have been fixed. I understand they have asked for that for a long time, so it is good that we are

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doing it. Again, this is not a bill about nothing; these things will have a tangible impact on those pretty hardworking bookmakers who rain, hail or shine are out there at Ascot or Belmont. It is not a loving industry.

My great-great-grandfather was a bookie with the Western Australian Turf Club. His name was Ezra Asher. His family were Jewish and they escaped eastern Europe and went to Sunderland, England. He came out to Australia as a young bloke. He was a bit of a rogue as well as being a bookmaker with the WA Turf Club. We have a lovely photo of him, with his bookie bag that says his name and WA Turf Club. A search of Trove in *The West Australian* archives indicates that he was a tobacconist and hairdresser on Wellington Street, just across the road from Perth railway station, in the early part of the last century, and that he was done many times by local law enforcement officers for running an illegal SP bookie and for ticket scalping tickets to Adelaide. There was a slightly racist and, if I am honest with members, almost anti-Semitic editorial in *The Sunday Times* on him a long time ago.

In a very much changing world, bookies predate the tote and TAB. They have been around for a long time. If we are going to keep them, they need to be supported, and I think this bill is a good way of doing that.

Live odds are a no-brainer. I have been at Subiaco Oval for Dockers games when the odds would come up over the loudspeaker. Back then it was a WA TAB advertisement. I would have thought that if someone had a gambling issue and they were with their family at the football, the last thing they would want to see is the odds splashed up on a board. If they come on TV during an ad break, a person can walk out of the room. But when a person is at a footy game, they are in front of them. Obviously, we are looking after vulnerable people as well as children. It is not something that you want to see at the footy, cricket or any sport for that matter. I think that again is a no-brainer and something that I am proud we are doing.

The fourth one is physical terminals. It is important that the government has the power to stop physical terminals appearing in shopping centres or new outlets as they currently do for TABs. This needs to be extended to any other company or agency that wishes to do that. Again, that is a no-brainer.

The last one of the five is national raffles. When I was an electorate officer for the member for Willagee, I remember a gentleman who was a prolific fundraiser for Surf Life Saving Australia coming to see Peter. I would help Peter write a letter to the minister at the time, a very good gentleman, Hon Tuck Waldron, to see whether the government could relax the rules so that he could do what he used to do—that is, sell lotteries for Surf Life Saving Australia. I remember getting a letter back, saying, “We’re looking into it. We’ll do it.” Then there was a change of ministers and Hon Colin Holt became the minister. We wrote another letter—this was in about 2014—but nothing happened. Organisations like MS Australia, the RSPCA and Surf Life Saving Australia rely on lotteries to fund them nationally, and a large proportion of that comes back to our state, but they have not been able to do that here. This is something that a lot of people and charitable organisations that do very good work have been waiting a long time for.

Those are the five key reforms that are important for me. Many opposition members also mentioned Trackside, which is not really part of this bill. To be honest, because it was mentioned, members can give me my 30 seconds’ worth. I would prefer that if people are going to bet, that they bet at their local bowling club or pub with their mates and people they know so that if alcohol is involved and they have had too much to drink or they are betting too much, someone is there to tap them on the shoulder and say, “Hey, mate, you might want to stop chasing your losses.” I do not have a problem at all with horseracing in TABs, whether it is synthetic or otherwise. Alternatively, TABs could pay another jurisdiction somewhere in the world to show racing from a different country. I do not see any difference between that and what we are talking about here. I would much prefer that to happen. People can bet online on lots of weird and wonderful things and some of it is very hard to bring under control. If Trackside operates in a TAB, it helps not only the TAB stay in operation so that it can fight online betting, but also those punters who like to bet on those kinds of things and who, instead of staying home by themselves, can come into a local bowling club or TAB. Some of the comments made by some members of the opposition were a bit rich—that is, they were shocked to find gambling is going on at TABs. They were just grasping at straws trying to get a headline. I think the reforms in this bill are very good. I commend it to the house.

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro — Minister for Racing and Gaming) [9.25 pm] — in reply: Following on from the member for Balcatta’s erudite, considered and entertaining contribution, I find myself not having to revisit very much of what I intended to say about what the Gaming and Wagering Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 does. Nevertheless, I will, because members have made me wait all this time.

I must say at the outset that the contributions from this side of the house have been overwhelmingly considered and positive, and reflect the respect and value attributed to Lotterywest by this side of the house and the government. They have been exceptional contributions, universally respecting the contribution that Lotterywest has made and applauding the government’s move to defend Lotterywest against the blight of synthetic lotteries like Lottoland. It was, however, interesting to note the ambiguity of some contributions from members on the other

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side of the house. I have no doubt that the member for South Perth supports this legislation. Some of his rhetoric was a little difficult to follow; nevertheless, I understand what he was getting at. He was suggesting that the legislation does not mention Lottoland and was, therefore, asking why that was. He understands why because he got a briefing. Not many members of the Liberal Party sought a briefing. As far as I understand, only one National Party member, Hon Colin Holt from the other place, sought a briefing, which we would expect because he is pretty well-informed about these matters.

With respect to the Liberal Party, beyond the member for South Perth, there were some incoherent babbling-type contributions. The member for South Perth was clear. He wanted to know why we did not mention Lottoland. It is because this bill introduces a head of power, as we heard so many times in the many considered contributions on this side of the house, to ensure that the Gaming and Wagering Commission has authority in the future to immediately prevent proliferation of any other threats. We did not want to name any of those, obviously. The member for South Perth understands that; he was just seeking my response and confirmation. Of course, we did not mention Lottoland because the federal government has introduced a law for synthetic lotteries. I am not at all convinced, and neither is the agency nor the industry, that that has been prevented. They are the most important stakeholders here. The Australian Lotteries and Newsagents Association is not at all comfortable that the threat has been dealt with. That is who we are working for, apart from all the people in Western Australia who have received \$260 million worth of disbursements through grants in the last year.

Apart from those in the Western Australian community we have heard about today, the other people who have absolute primacy in the government's mind, in all the Labor Party of Western Australia's mind, are the mums and dads who run the lotteries and newsagencies across this state and who sell Lotterywest products. That is who we listen to. That is who we stand up for and represent. The contributions made by the members for Hillarys, Dawesville, Carine and North West Central were extraordinary. The entire contribution of the member for Carine, in particular, was absolute nonsense. To suggest that somehow the Western Australian Labor Party, the McGowan government, has some responsibility for the damage that has been inflicted on the Lotterywest agencies in Western Australia was extraordinary. They know that under the previous government, management of Lotterywest was actively undermining their businesses. They know that they were being compelled to unnecessarily spend as much as \$150 000 on a fit-out that produced no improvement to their bottom line. In fact, it had a detrimental impact. Some of the items they were compelled to spend money on were mentioned by the member for Carine in his incoherent babble. It is incredible that he would attribute any of that responsibility to the McGowan government immediately after the Premier had taken personal action to rectify the challenge to those small businesses. The McGowan government stands up for small business. We took action. The Premier led the action to end that ridiculous assault on the Lotterywest outlets right across this state that compelled them to have corflute signs out telling people about jackpots and to have one specific digital sign in a location because the management of Lotterywest felt it was a good idea and wanted to be known for the changes it had imposed on the Lotterywest outlets across the state. It was not because it would improve their bottom line; in fact, absolutely the opposite was the case. It was extraordinary to sit here and listen to the member for Carine suggest that somehow the McGowan government was at all responsible. We fixed the problem. The Premier fixed the problem and was attacked by the Leader of the Opposition for doing it.

It was outrageous that we could sit here in this Parliament and hear the member for Carine suggest that he even cared about the Lotterywest outlets in his electorate. He was invisible when the management of Lotterywest was damaging the return of Lotterywest outlets in the seat of Carine. When those small business people went to a public meeting with the former Premier and he promised them late in 2016 that he would fix the problem, and when he left the room, the former management of Lotterywest told them it was not going to happen, the member for Carine was nowhere to be seen. He was not there standing up for small businesses. I know this happened because we met with the small businesses involved. The Australian Lottery and Newsagents Association told us what happened. It begged us to fix it. People in this place were attacking the Premier in question time when he was sorting the problem. People were going to the media attacking the Premier when he was sorting the problem. It has been fixed. Lotterywest now has a good working relationship with all the Lotterywest newsagents in Western Australia. The Lotterywest outlets are now working with Lotterywest to improve their bottom line.

The other thing I heard mentioned a number of times was the suggestion of the member for Vasse that somehow we were responsible for an increase in online Lotterywest products being sold. Under the previous government, between 2013–14 and 2015–16, there was a doubling of online sales of Lotterywest products—a doubling. That happened due to the management not only being tolerated but also encouraged by the government of members opposite. It was disgraceful. They actively undermined the incomes of mums and dads right across this state and when they begged for support, they had to wait. However, fortunately for them, WA Labor won last year's election and they were saved. They had to wait until we took government and took charge. It was incredible and outrageous

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to hear members on the other side of this chamber suggest that they even cared about Lotterywest agents, let alone that the current government was responsible. We fixed the problem.

We will continue to work with Lotterywest outlets. One of the things they want is for our legislation to stop synthetic lotteries. I want to know whether members opposite support it. I do not know from the incoherent babble I witnessed. It sounds as though the National Party does not support it. The member for North West Central, the only National to make a contribution in this debate, came in to this place and said that it was a bill about nothing. It is passing a law to stop Lottoland. That is not nothing. Ask the Lotterywest agents, member for North West Central, if he is watching on TV or if he has not already gone home—so frequently does the National Party leave early. It would not surprise me. I recognise one National member in the chamber. There is so frequently an early departure by National Party members. I would not be surprised if the member for North West Central is not here to stand up for himself, having made those outrageous assertions.

The member for Balcatta made a wonderful contribution; he is a knowledgeable man in the field of gambling and betting. He made the observation that it is not nothing to help Western Australia's few remaining bookmakers. There are 26 of them left—only 26. We care about them; they are small businesses. WA Labor cares about small business. For 10 years, the Western Australian Bookmakers Association has been begging racing and gaming ministers to fix this problem with betbacks—10 years and three ministers in the former government. They were working on it; they were thinking about it; they were talking about it; but as was so often the case with the previous government, it did not do anything about it. We are fixing it. After that contribution from the member for North West Central, I have no idea what the National Party is doing. We know the Liberal Party is all over the shop. Its position changed from this house to the other house.

Mr J.E. McGrath: We support it.

Mr P. PAPALIA: I cannot believe the member for South Perth would sit in his party room and let his party vote down a bill that is helping the bookmakers of Western Australia, who, after 10 years, are finally getting a response from a government that cares about them.

Mr J.E. McGrath: We support it.

Mr P. PAPALIA: I cannot believe that could be the case, but I cannot confirm it based on the second reading contributions from the other side. The Leader of the Opposition did not even talk about the bill; he spoke about point-of-consumption tax and the TAB. That is not in this bill. He did not care about bookmakers or Lotterywest newsagent owners—mums and dads out there—trying to struggle by, wanting us to get out there and defend them. He put on the record that he did not care. I am taking the word of the member for South Perth, as an honourable man, that his party might actually stand up for what it claims to believe in. But I can tell members that if this bill gets into the upper house and is delayed by any sort of ridiculous politicking, I will follow the lead of the Minister for Transport. I will get the list of addresses from the Premier and write to every single one of the Lotterywest newsagents and the 26 bookmakers and tell them that this bill is being held up by the opposition in Western Australia—"The Liberal Party in Western Australia has proven itself incapable of a coherent response to anything and they do not like you; they didn't help you in government, and they're not helping now." That is what the letter will say. I will say, "Contact them and tell them that you're not voting for them but also that you'd like them to pass the bill in the upper house." As the member for Balcatta indicated, there are foreign lotteries. How long has that been asked for? The member for Balcatta told me that he has known for some time that charities in Western Australia have sought the ability to raise funds across the country. We are fixing that.

The member for Balcatta also responded to the issue of prohibiting persons from establishing remote gambling facilities. This is another issue on which we were trying to identify in advance potential threats. We are not saying anything specific about the nature of the threat; we are saying that it is quite possible and conceivable. Right now, for instance, an online bookmaker is coming under threat and is about to get hit with a point-of-consumption tax in January. Its model of setting itself up in the Northern Territory and not paying tax anywhere in the country and stealing income from revenue streams from taxpayers across the country is coming to an end. It is not inconceivable that it might seek some other means of getting its products to patrons and to the market. We want to anticipate that and provide the ability for the commission to respond. We will put beyond doubt that the Gaming and Wagering Commission can formulate and impose conditions for the advertising of live odds during events.

We had another interesting contribution from the member for Hillarys. Apart from the member for Carine, who was all over the shop and talked about poker machines and made other ridiculous contributions, the contribution from the member for Hillarys was probably the most shameful contribution in this chamber. He suggested that live odds have already been dealt with—all sports have done it. If all sports have done it, there is no need for any laws. Are we so trusting of some executive in Melbourne that we believe we do not need to ensure that we have laws in this state to prevent live odds from being flashed onto screens at the WACA and RAC Arena and any other location

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at which a professional sporting game is being held? Is that what we think? I do not agree with the member for Hillarys. He was wrong in suggesting that this legislation is unnecessary and we are just creating a straw man to knock down or solve a problem that does not exist. That was an outrageous contribution.

However, most outrageous of all was the member for Hillarys' defence of Lottoland. I want to finish on this. Members may have been lucky enough to have been absent from the chamber during the contribution from the member for Hillarys. He chose not to concede that the right thing to do was to stop synthetic lotteries. He chose to take up arms on behalf of Lottoland and the like and to ask why we did not adapt our system to accommodate those systems. That is what he asked. I will quote from *Hansard* of Thursday, 11 October 2018. The member for Hillarys said —

It is interesting that when this legislation was introduced, the media spoke to Lottoland representatives. I heard a couple of those interviews, particularly one with Oliver Peterson on 6PR. The Lottoland representative said, "Look, we were very happy to help fund the Lotterywest pool. We were very happy to come into a regulated regime and pay our equivalent of state tax into whichever pool the states wanted to put the money." It is interesting that in the week that we are debating this bill, the government has brought out its proposals for the sale of the TAB. One of the headlines of that proposal is that it will move to a point-of-consumption tax.

I interjected to ask whether he was defending Lottoland. He went on to say —

We will move to a point-of-consumption tax in wagering on racing because it is fairer, more equitable, recognises the spread of modern gaming and wagering, and protects the revenue of the state. That option was still available with Lottoland. It indicated that it wanted to do that and that any funds could have gone straight into Lotterywest.

I point out to the member for Hillarys, in his absence, that there is one simple difference between the Lotterywest model and taxing a crowd that is based out of Gibraltar and does not pay tax. Were we to tax Lottoland, it would want to pocket an additional profit. The tax would be on its profits. Lotterywest pays all its profits to the people of Western Australia. It takes out operating costs, including advertising of the product, and support for Lotterywest outlets, and pays the remainder to the people of Western Australia. There is no way a commercial operator can do that. That is why, thank goodness, successive governments in Western Australia have refused to sell Lotterywest, unlike every other jurisdiction in the country. The member for Hillarys was not born in this state and has come to Western Australia only in recent times, so he may not know very much about Western Australia. Lotterywest is a beloved institution in Western Australia, because it gives all its profits to the people of Western Australia. We cannot match that with a private enterprise institution. It is not like the TAB. The TAB currently pays a tax. That is proposed to be replaced with a point-of-consumption tax. Lotterywest returns 100 per cent of its earnings, beyond costs, to the public of Western Australia. Were we to allow Lottoland in this state, it would take a chunk of the market that is currently going in its entirety to the public of Western Australia.

It was outrageous of the member for Hillarys to defend Lottoland. He should take the opportunity during the third reading debate on this bill to apologise to the people of Western Australia. I want to know, member for South Perth, whether the member for Hillarys has any weight in the Liberal Party room. Is that where the member was coming from? The Leader of the Opposition was ridiculous the other day when he was talking about a completely different bill. Will we go through the debate in this chamber, only to have the Leader of the Opposition roll over and suggest that he supports Lotterywest outlets, and will we then hear that the upper house is going to play games and the member for Hillarys is going to get some of his oppos in the upper house to come and give us trouble? That would be outrageous and wrong. If that were to happen, that letter will go out to every Lotterywest agent.

Several members interjected.

Mr P. PAPALIA: I will be happy to put my name on it. I will say, "I'm writing as the small business minister to you as a Lotterywest outlet to let you know about the assault by the Liberal Party of Western Australia on your business." I will let them know who has forsaken them. When the member for Carine comes knocking on their door and pretends that he cares about them, they will know that is false. They will know that the member for Hillarys does not care about them. Unfortunately, the member for South Perth will be caught in the collateral damage. I know that he cares about small business. It is clear that the Liberal opposition does not have a shadow cabinet process. It does not have a cohesive way of making decisions in the party room that are binding on its members. As a consequence, no-one can trust Liberal Party members. They say one thing in this place and do another. The Leader of the Opposition has no power in the upper house. He says regularly that he has no control in the upper house. He tries to make some sort of virtue out of that. It is not a virtue if members say one thing in this place for the purpose of being in the media and suggesting they care about small business, and then in the upper house some ego takes over and we get held up for weeks on end with delays and proposed changes, and ultimately

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they concede that we have got the legislation right. This is one package. It comprises five different elements, as the member for Balcatta indicated. They are all good. They are all significant. This is not a “nothing” bill. I have no idea what the National Party believes, because the National Party left the member for North West Central to make a contribution, and he was out there. It was extraordinary. I know that the member for South Perth cares about all the people we are talking about.

Mr J.E. McGrath: We support it.

Mr P. PAPALIA: If there is a wrestle in the party room between the member for South Perth and Hon Peter Collier, I hope the result replicates what happened on Rottneest Island!

Question put and passed.

Bill read a second time.

Leave denied to proceed forthwith to third reading.

House adjourned at 9.48 pm
