

LOCAL PROJECTS, LOCAL JOBS FUNDING PROGRAM

402. Ms A. SANDERSON to the Minister for Local Government:

I refer to my and this government's commitment to improve the vibrancy and liveability of Nollamara, a suburb that residents regularly tell me was neglected by the previous Liberal government.

- (1) In terms of the Nollamara Shopping Centre, what is this government doing to ensure it becomes a safe and welcoming community hub?
- (2) How is this government helping councils deliver other valuable projects that benefit the community?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Morley for her question. It is an important question. I am very pleased to highlight that the local projects, local jobs initiative will inject more than \$38 million into the Western Australian economy. It will be devolved, and has been devolved, to myriad projects, small and large, in communities across Western Australia, both in regional Western Australia and, of course, in the metropolitan area. The one that the member particularly mentioned is Nollamara Shopping Centre, which I have not been to. This project, of which \$2.5 million is going to local governments in the metropolitan area, will deliver to Nollamara Shopping Centre important CCTV coverage to make it a safe place for the communities that use that neighbourhood centre. The funds will go also to assisting in the revitalising of that neighbourhood. That is very important.

But there is more, because we have a number of other projects. I want to go through very briefly, because of the time, a couple of others. Member for Burns Beach, the City of Joondalup in his electorate will receive over \$110 000 to redesign and renew retaining walls and bench seating at the Thornton Park play centre, which I understand is a great centre with a lot of opportunity. That will now be enhanced by that funding.

The SPEAKER: Minister, through the Chair.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The minister for numerous things, the member for Cannington, his council will get \$250 000 to upgrade five local parks. They include Russel Park in East Cannington, Appledore Street Reserve in Beckenham, Fleetwood Park in Lynwood, Adina Road Park in Riverton and Hossack Park in Parkwood, to activate places and spaces. This money is going directly towards that. The member for Maylands is getting a very important project, too.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We are delivering on our election commitments.

The SPEAKER: Minister!

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: That is what we are doing.

The SPEAKER: Minister! You will get to the point, and you will talk through the Chair, and wind it up if you want your other ministers to have a question.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: We are delivering on our election commitments. That is what we are doing. That is our priority—delivering on our election commitments.

The SPEAKER: Do not make me sit you down, minister.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The member for Bayswater will get \$140 000 for her local council for Maylands train station and for very important community facilities around there, including CCTV surveillance—very, very important—and improved lighting. Finally, member for Wanneroo. These are just a few. The City of Wanneroo is getting over \$200 000 towards Banksia Grove park, which is very important as well, because that will allow the people who use that park to have more effective and safer use of that park.

All of these grants, of course, will include delivery to local suppliers, so using local suppliers, local businesses —
Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Minister, you will bring this to a close.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I am, Mr Speaker; I am just about to finish.

The SPEAKER: Do not make me sit you down.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: It will enhance local employment. That is the key thing. That is the important thing. So congratulations to those members who advocated for these important projects.