

RIDE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Statement by Member for Armadale

DR A.D. BUTI (Armadale) [12.58 pm]: On 26 and 27 May this year, 36 riders participated in the third annual Ride Against Domestic Violence, riding from Busselton to Perth over two days. This year, riders representing the WA Labor Party; the WA Liberal Party; the Construction, Forestry, Mining and Energy Union; BGC; the North Perth branch of Bendigo Bank; the South Fremantle Football Club; Laing O'Rourke; UnionsWA; and Western Australian business came together to raise awareness against the scourge of domestic violence and to raise funds to support women's refuges.

The Ride Against Domestic Violence has come a long way in three years, and this year we expect to raise close to, or in excess of, \$100 000 for educational programs run by Sandy Taylor from Preventing Violence Against Women and to support seven women's refuges—Starick, South West Refuge, Tuart House, Pat Thomas House, Zonta House, the Lucy Saw Centre and Warrawee Women's Refuge. There are many people to thank for the enduring and growing success of Ride Against Domestic Violence, but too many to name in this 90-second statement.

Of course, I thank all the riders who participated in this year's event, but I specifically mention the Deputy Premier and member for Kwinana, the member for Bateman and the member for Dawesville. I also thank the members of the management committee and the event organiser, Deb Vlam, for ensuring the success of the 2018 Ride Against Domestic Violence. I thank all the sponsors, all those who donated to the event and all those people who helped along the way, including the member for Mandurah; the member for Vasse; the member for Fremantle, who is also the Minister for Women's Interests; and the member for Perth. I also thank Purple Coaches for transporting the riders down south and, finally, all the hardworking staff of the numerous women's refuges who provide much needed support and assistance to victims of domestic violence.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm