

APPROPRIATION (RECURRENT 2010–11 TO 2015–16) SUPPLEMENTARY BILL 2017
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Second Reading — Cognate Debate

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

MR S.A. MILLMAN (Mount Lawley) [2.55 pm]: In the brief time that remains for my contribution to this debate on the Appropriation (Recurrent 2010–11 to 2015–16) Supplementary Bill 2017 and the Appropriation (Capital 2010–11 to 2015–16) Supplementary Bill 2017, I would like to summarise the points that I have made and finish with some commentary on where our policies fit into the constellation of levers that this government is exercising to bring the budget back under control. On the one hand, we need significant investment in Metronet to alleviate and ameliorate the congestion that is rippling through my community of Mt Lawley. We need that significant investment in Metronet to reduce traffic on Wanneroo Road, Alexander Drive and Beaufort Street coming through Mt Lawley. It will drive jobs, growth, investment and community activity. At the same time, we are not putting all our eggs in one basket. We are also facilitating policies and initiatives that encourage people to use their bikes to ride into work or into the CBD. When people travel through my neighbourhood of Mt Lawley, they ride through wonderful parks such as Hamer Park and Yokine Reserve, and Banks Reserve on the banks of the Swan River. One of the great things about the way in which we are applying this diversified, scalpel-like precision approach to the policy conundrums and difficulties that we face is that each of those constellations of factors works in concert to deliver the sorts of outcomes that we as a government—in fact we as a Parliament—should be encouraging and embracing, such as making our communities more liveable, encouraging growth in our economy and encouraging activity in our marketplaces. What is already a great state can be made even greater if the government that has the responsibility for delivering to the community has at its disposal those things that it needs to invest in schools, hospitals and community services.

I conclude by saying this: I started out by talking about the contribution that had been made by the member for Warren–Blackwood. We cannot adopt a narrow economic rationalist approach because sometimes, when we put a ruler under it, we will not get the result that we need. When it comes to how we spend the revenue that we raise, let us look to what is in the best interests of the whole community of Western Australia. Once again, I commend the Treasurer for this budget. I thank members for allowing me to make this contribution.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr D.A. Templeman (Leader of the House)**.