

HILLARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL — UPGRADE

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MS C.M. COLLINS (Hillarys) [12.59 pm]: I wish to highlight the incredible investment the McGowan government has made to Hillarys Primary School. Members of the community have been campaigning for over 15 years to get funding to redevelop their local school, which was built back in 1973. Like many schools built in this era, the buildings are drastically ageing. I want to thank the community for being so proactive in reaching out to me as a candidate back in July last year. I met with members of the board, the P&C and parents to listen to their concerns about the conditions of the school. The principal, Trevor Mitchell, invited me to the school to inspect the facilities and I strongly agreed that there was a need for a serious upgrade. Trevor is a remarkable spokesperson for the school and is someone who truly wants the best for his students. I strongly advocated for funding to the Minister for Education and Training, Hon Sue Ellery, and Premier Mark McGowan. The McGowan government listened and committed \$16.7 million to rebuild Hillarys Primary School. This will include a new administration building, library, staff facilities, two kindies, four general learning areas with new classrooms and more parking for staff and parents. The project is expected to be completed for the start of the 2023 school year. I am so proud to be part of the McGowan team that is committed to our children's future putting our schools first. Thank you.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm