

VOLUNTEERING — RIVERTON ELECTORATE

Statement by Member for Riverton

DR J. KRISHNAN (Riverton — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.47 pm]: My statement today is to sincerely thank every volunteer in the Riverton community. I am very honoured and privileged to represent the Riverton community because the community is vibrant, harmonious, energetic and contributes in a big way to Western Australia as a whole. Volunteering starts with the school canteen volunteers, members of the parents and citizens associations, the school boards and people who organise quiz nights, of which I was fortunate to witness a few. It takes a lot of effort to contribute to a school. In the sporting community, volunteering starts with the coaches and managers to the people who organise the training sessions and the games to keep the community together. Thank you one and all. Multiple culturally and linguistically diverse community group associations and organisations are completely run by volunteers. I sincerely thank them for their efforts.

I turn now to the Scouts, the Rotary International, Lions Clubs Australia and the RSL. Many associations are entirely managed by volunteers. I take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for their efforts. I would like to provide two statistics. First, volunteers contribute 1.3 per cent of the state's gross state product. Second, the return on investment on volunteer spending is \$4.7 for every \$1 invested. That is a 470 per cent return, which is huge. The volunteering community is what it is today because of the tremendous efforts of the volunteers who day in and day out make the community better every time they volunteer. Once again, my sincere thanks to every volunteer in Riverton.