

RADIO LOLLIPOP

Statement by Member for Hillarys

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys) [12.58 pm]: Members may not be aware of the role in which I have the great privilege of being involved outside politics and Parliament. I am the Chairman of Radio Lollipop Australia, which operates in this State and the eastern States. It is an international children's charity organisation. I have been involved with it for over a quarter of a century now, which gives away my age to some extent. I am very privileged to be involved with it. Radio Lollipop has extended its services to the children's ward at Armadale-Kelmscott Memorial Hospital, where the program is transmitted from Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. Next Tuesday the member for Armadale will be joining me on the platform there. She very much supports the organisation, particularly in that hospital.

As I have said, Radio Lollipop is an international children's charity organisation. It operates to many hospitals in Western Australia, including one in your electorate, Mr Acting Speaker (Mr A.P. O'Gorman), at the children's ward of Joondalup. It also operates out of Fremantle, Murdoch and other hospitals. It operates in the eastern States, in New Zealand and in two States in America, where it has received a top national award for the service it provides to children. Its mission is to provide care, comfort, play and entertainment to sick children in hospital. I say thanks to all the hundreds of volunteers in the organisation; they carry out their duties in such a compassionate way.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm