

PERTH MAJOR SPORTS STADIUM — ADDITIONAL FACILITIES

291. Mr M.P. MURRAY to the Treasurer:

My question without notice is to the Treasurer. Treasurer, are you right?

Mr C.J. Barnett: Yes, fine.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: That is okay. I just thought the Treasurer was having a fit!

I refer to the Treasurer's commitment that the new Burswood stadium would include such additions as waterparks for children, a creche, theatres, the ability for people to order food from their seats, and seat speakers, and to the former Treasurer's statement during estimates that if such additions would increase the cost over \$700 million, they would not be included.

- (1) Was the former Treasurer correct that these additions will be dropped if the \$700 million target figure is breached?
- (2) Did the Treasurer have any discussions with the former Treasurer over his differing views on these additions?
- (3) Is the Treasurer still committed to the inclusion of these additions?

Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:

- (1)–(3) I thought when I made those comments that I was pretty clear, but clearly members opposite did not understand what I was saying. The estimated budget for the stadium is \$700 million for the construction of the major stadium—the 60 000-seat stadium in its basic form. There is an additional \$300 million allocated for transport infrastructure. That includes the rail station, a proposed pedestrian crossing over the river —

Ms M.M. Quirk: A crossing, not a bridge?

Mr C.J. BARNETT: A bridge—yes, there will be a bridge.

Mr F.M. Logan: You do not know the cost of it!

Mr C.J. BARNETT: No, because it has not been designed, let alone costed.

So, based on the figures, or the information, from the Langoulant report, and the decision at the time that was made last year on the stadium, the provisional budget for the stadium is \$700 million and for the associated transport infrastructure in its various forms is \$300 million. When asked and commenting on the stadium, I made the observation that, in effect, if I can make myself clearer, beyond that, this is not just simply a stadium or a rail station: this is the development of an entire eastside precinct for the City of Perth, on the Burswood peninsula. I made the comment that people would expect to see, and they will see in time, other facilities around it. They may include a water playground. They may include an amphitheatre. They may include other entertainment and events. That is what is happening. But if I can make myself clear, because obviously members opposite did not understand me at the time, that is not in any sense part of the stadium or transport infrastructure. These are the sorts of facilities that I would hope would develop on Burswood over the future, and they will, because it is a vast area of land that is all government owned. Would it not be great? Would it not be fantastic to park our car in East Perth —

Ms M.M. Quirk: Where?

Mr C.J. BARNETT: — park our car in East Perth, in the city, walk across the pedestrian bridge, have a barbecue, let the kids play in the water playground, and listen to a band playing in an amphitheatre? Would it not be fantastic? But not for those opposite! They want to go to Subiaco! They want to stay in Subiaco! Well, we will all be over there, with all their constituents from the eastern suburbs, at the new stadium!