

COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD — HON KATE DOUST

Statement

HON WILSON TUCKER (Mining and Pastoral) [5.56 pm]: I would be like to take this opportunity to say congratulations to Hon Kate Doust as the inaugural winner of the Commonwealth Parliamentarian of the Year Award, recently announced at the sixty-fifth Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association website states —

... **Parliamentarian of the Year Award** in recognition of her long parliamentary service as well as working to promote women and people with disabilities in her community. The award also recognises the Member's contributions to the work of the CPA ... her commitment to the diversity of her community, the work she has undertaken in addressing and combatting domestic violence, and her approach in embracing innovation and new ideas in the Parliament of Western Australia.

I was fortunate enough to recently attend the CPA residency program in Sydney. Hon Kate Doust was one of the mentors. Certainly for myself, and I think I can speak for everyone who attended that conference, we were better off for having Hon Kate Doust in the room. We were able to glean some of her wisdom and years of experience that she undoubtedly has. In my personal view, Hon Kate Doust is an excellent parliamentarian and a very deserving winner of this award. Well done, Hon Kate Doust.

House adjourned at 5.57 pm
