

MATILDAS — OLYMPIC QUALIFYING MATCHES

500. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Given the government's supposed promotion of tourism and sporting events, is this not a missed opportunity?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

I hope the member got from my previous answer that we have seized the opportunity; we actually got this event. We have not missed it. It is a great opportunity, and we will see a festival of football over three days of exciting competition, as Australia goes up against—I will try to get these right—Chinese Taipei, the Philippines and Iran. This will be an exciting competition played over three exciting days. It will be a round-robin event to determine qualifications for the Olympics. Let us get on board. Let us celebrate the Matildas. Let us be positive for a change. Congratulations to the Minister for Tourism for getting this event.

Mr D.A. Templeman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the House, you know I always rely on you to set an example, and I hope it is a good one!