

**MALAGA — VISIT BY MALAYSIAN DELEGATION**

*Statement by Member for West Swan*

**MS R. SAFFIOTI (West Swan)** [12.51 pm]: Last week I hosted a visit by entrepreneurs from Malaysia to view and learn about the industrial and business-oriented suburb of Malaga. The special guest was the Malaysian consul general, Madam Hamidah Ashari, who joined in on the visit instigated by local Malaga business owners, Sin Huat Goh and Bee Lim. The group of entrepreneurs was headed by Mr Sheikh Ahmad Duski, executive chairman of KOMITA, a consortium of agricultural-based food producing entrepreneurs established by the Malaysian government. The visit coincided with the Malaysia Best carnival, which was held in Claremont last weekend. I did not attend, but I understand that it was very successful. KOMITA's visit to Perth is all about opening new opportunities to its members to explore the Australian market. KOMITA is an ambitious organisation and is willing to grow and introduce Malaysian food products to Australia. It sees Perth as a suitable place to do this and endeavours to establish a trading house, possibly in Malaga. As part of its commitment to encourage and advance Malaysian businesses, KOMITA is aiming to construct a warehouse and Australia's first Malaysian supermarket in Perth. The organisation is very serious about a possible launch of its trading house in Malaga. Malaga is an ideal location for such a trading house, with great transport linkages. There are already a number of trading houses located there. Mr Goh and Ms Lim should be congratulated for their efforts in promoting Malaga and for encouraging KOMITA to establish a base here in Perth.