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[ASSEMBLY — Wednesday, 21 February 2024] p260b-261a Mr Peter Rundle; Dr Tony Buti

INNER-CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL — LAND

82. Mr P.J. RUNDLE to the Minister for Education:

I have a supplementary question. Yesterday, the minister said that I should be ashamed about asking him to explain this \$40 million bungle. Today he claims it was an error. How does the minister explain such a significant mistake being missed by him and his office?

Dr A.D. BUTI replied:

I am not sure what the member is talking about. A \$40 million bungle—what \$40 million bungle? The member has asked me a question, but I have no idea what it is about, so that is why I am asking. What \$40 million bungle is the member talking about? I will try to answer it if the member can tell me what it is about, but I have no idea. The member does not have any idea.

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Dr A.D. BUTI: The member is unfortunately prone to just go on newspaper articles without actually doing his own research. He has no idea about the question he asked yesterday. He had no idea about it, and now he is talking about a \$40 million bungle. I do not understand what he means. It is very interesting.

I reiterate that the Lord Mayor has always been supportive. He has been so supportive that in this "Basil Zempilas: Your strong voice for our City" newsletter, it reads —

Delivering for today and investing in our City's future

Partnering with the State Government to deliver a Primary School for East Perth

That is what we want! We want to partner with the City of Perth to build this school. Why is the member opposed to building a state-of-the-art, world-class inner-city primary school, plus unlocking a parcel of land that will provide up to a \$27.5 million bonus for the city?

Can I give the member some advice before I sit down? He should not do the bidding of other people and he should do his own research. One more thing before I sit down—I reiterate that this government wants to partner with the City of Perth to build an inner-city primary school. That is what we want to do.