

**COURT, MR TERRY AND EVANS, MR JOHN, RETIREMENT**

*Statement by Member for Warren-Blackwood*

**MR OMODEI** (Warren-Blackwood) [12.55 pm]: I recognise two outstanding public servants who have just retired from the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Forest Products Commission. Terry Court and John Evans live in Pemberton. They served the old forest department, the Department of Conservation and Land Management and the Forest Products Commission at various times over the past 40 years. They had a send-off a couple of weeks ago. Terry Court joined the forest department in 1960 at the age of 16 as a billy boy and progressed from there. He started at Shannon River as a forest guard in 1963. He went to Walpole as a forest guard in 1965 and then to Pemberton as a forest ranger. He was officer-in-charge at Quinninup, a forester at Walpole, and district forester in Pemberton in 1977. He became a senior forester at Pemberton in July 1988 and has played a very important role in forest management and fire control.

John Evans started in 1961 in Kalgoorlie and went to Collie, Nannup, Kirup and Pemberton. He finished up as the regional fire and karri regeneration officer at the Manjimup regional office. John has been an outstanding citizen over a number of years. John was responsible for regional prescribed burning, including preparation and readiness of areas for fire control. He has played a very important role in CALM and the local community over a number of years. I congratulate them both, and call on the Government to do the same.