

ELECTION COMMITMENTS — PREMIER'S COMMENTS

**513. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Premier:**

I refer to the Premier's claim on 10 June that his government has 58 significant commitments arising from the election, whereas the Liberal Party's financial document that he submitted for costing has 108 election commitments. If the 58 commitments he cited are significant election commitments, what are the others?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

They are relatively minor and local commitments, and many of those have also been delivered.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** A few weeks ago *The West Australian* newspaper asked us to provide an account of what we had committed to during the election campaign and what had and had not been delivered. We went through the four weeks of the campaign, and, on an assessment by the staff in my office, there were 58 commitments that we would regard as significant —

**Mr B.S. Wyatt:** Core or non-core?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park!

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Significant—a word beginning with “s”.

**Mr B.S. Wyatt** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the second time.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The member for Victoria Park is better than that. There were 58 commitments that we deemed to be significant.

**Mr P.B. Watson** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Albany, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** Member for Albany, go and look at the hospital in Albany that this government built, which the Labor Party promised and never delivered! Go and look at that beautiful hospital delivered by this government. Go and look at the Anzac Interpretive Centre that members opposite criticised and that we have built! Go and look at it—promise after promise. For eight years the Labor government promised, but never delivered. This government and its ministers have delivered!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warnbro, I am going to put you on notice. Member for Albany, member for Victoria Park and member for Warnbro, I suggest you stop shouting out.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** In the four weeks of the 2013 election campaign, we picked out what we considered to be the significant commitments, and there were 58 of those.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** There were 58 significant commitments. Of those, 42 have either been concluded or are funded and underway. That is 42 out of 58. There are other commitments that might be regarded as less significant—for example, fixing up the facilities provided to the Northern Redbacks Women's Soccer Club, where the girls were changing in urinals. Those facilities had been neglected for years by Labor. The government is going to give those girls a women's change room, and they deserve that. We did not count that as a significant commitment, but it has been done.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Victoria Park, I am calling you to order for the third time.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The opposition may argue that that is insignificant, but for those girls who play soccer and get changed in a room with a men's urinal, it is very significant for those girls and their parents that they have a proper change room. We did not include that in our list.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the first time; and, member for Mandurah, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** As with the Redbacks soccer team —

**Mr M.P. Murray:** The old core-promise trick!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I am surprised to hear from the member for Collie–Preston, because for years he has made promises about the Coalfields–Collie highway and has delivered nothing. This government built the first stage of that highway and is now building the second stage. For years the member for Collie–Preston promised that, but he did not raise the issue when he was in government!

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** You never, ever committed anything to that—all talk and no action from you!

**The SPEAKER:** Premier!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Order! Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order now for the second time.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** What about the Premier? Stop being biased, Speaker. You are a biased Speaker!

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Order! I call you to order for the third time. I want you to withdraw that allegation.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** And you, member for Girrawheen!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I withdraw.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** The member for West Swan is right. The government made over 100 election commitments, but we provided information on the major commitments and, in due course, we will provide information leading up to the next election on every one of those over 100 commitments. In the first year of this Parliament, we have delivered the vast majority of our commitments.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** We have further to go.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** It is rubbish, is it?

**Mr M. McGowan** interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** All right, “Mr Rubbish”. Good luck to you!