

COMMUNITY SPORTING AND RECREATION FACILITIES FUND

166. Ms M.M. QUIRK to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:

I refer to the latest round of the community sporting and recreation facilities fund, which includes upgrades to amenities at Kingsway regional sporting complex netball courts, which we have long campaigned for, as well as a much-needed expansion of the Willetton Basketball Stadium, which has been neglected for eight and a half years.

- (1) Can the minister outline how these projects will deliver on the McGowan Labor government's commitment to supporting sporting groups right across the state?
- (2) How will WA businesses and WA workers benefit from these projects?

Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Girrawheen for her question and also for her untiring work trying to get projects into her area such as the Kingsway netball club along with women's facilities. As we know, and it has been quite public in recent times, there is a problem with women's facilities. She has been a great advocate for more than eight and a half years but for the last eight and a half years her advocacy has fallen on deaf ears. I can announce that the City of Wanneroo applied for funding to upgrade the amenities of the Kingsway netball courts and has been granted \$500 000. This will ensure that those facilities are friendly for all parts of the community. But I must go on!

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine, I am sick of your noise.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Members opposite should listen because it is about their side. The Leader of the Opposition is waiting, but he may have to wait a bit longer if he keeps talking.

Other grants include \$800 000 for the Shirley Strickland Reserve change rooms, and floodlighting in the seat of Bateman. I have a word of warning. The lights will be so bright that the member for Bateman must wear a cap when he walks out on the ground. Also, \$1.3 million has been granted to the Lakelands District open space development for floodlit ovals in Mandurah. The Shire of Murray skate park in the seat of Murray–Wellington has been granted \$250 000, along with the long-awaited upgrade to the 33-year-old Willetton Basketball Stadium in the Leader of the Opposition's own electorate. It was completely neglected for eight and a half years. The highest grant that was given out—\$1.5 million—was given to the opposition's electorate. Unfortunately, the federal member up there tried to discredit the money that was out there and I take my hat off to the Leader of the Opposition who put him back in his box and got the extra money that was needed. I thank him. Of the 16 important upgrades to facilities, this will support small businesses around Western Australia.

Recently—I must read a very serious quote—I was with the member for Jandakot down at the Leeming Bowling Club, which received \$149 400. One of the members of the club said, “We are using all local manufacturers and suppliers. The shades and barbecue area are being fabricated and erected by a local patio builder, the lighting is being installed by a small local contractor and the poles are being manufactured locally.” Essentially, everything on that job is being done locally. To the knockers of Local Projects, Local Jobs, listen to the people of the community.

Before I get accused of pork-barrelling, although I have made it very clear that I am fair across the board, unlike the previous government, \$9.3 million of the major funding for projects and \$5.05 million —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, members! Minister, I am sure you are getting towards the end.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: In one minute, Mr Speaker. I will be finished very quickly! That \$5.05 million—54 per cent of the money—is going into non-government-held seats!

Several members interjected.

Mr M.P. MURRAY: Let us have a look at that. In the Shires of Denmark, Pingelly, Koorda and Wongan–Ballidu, it is clear that the Labor Party is the only party that supports all Western Australians!