

**RADIO LOLLIPOP**

*Statement by Member for Hillarys*

**MR JOHNSON** (Hillarys) [12.55 pm]: As this is the International Year of Volunteers, I place on the record my appreciation of a group of volunteers, of which I am chairman; that is, Radio Lollipop (Australia) Ltd. I place on the record my thanks, and the thanks of all the families of sick children, for the care, comfort and entertainment they receive from the 200 or 300 volunteers throughout Australia. The predominant area for Radio Lollipop in Western Australia is Princess Margaret Hospital for Children. Western Australia has about 150 volunteers. They work every day of the year, including Christmas Day. The volunteers comprise people of all ages who produce a radio program for the children of PMH that is also transmitted to the children's wards of Joondalup Health Campus and Fremantle Hospital. The oldest volunteer is almost 80 years old. He has a regular weekly spot, and comes with his Zimmer frame. He is known as the grand-dad. The volunteers do a tremendous job in not only Western Australia but also the eastern States. Radio Lollipop is an international children's charity that operates in the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and America. It will shortly operate in South Africa, where there are many sick children. On behalf of the sick children of Western Australia and their families -

The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr Dean): The member's time has expired.

Mr JOHNSON: It has not, Mr Acting Speaker. You must wait until the clock stops flashing.

The ACTING SPEAKER: Your time has expired.

Mr JOHNSON: It is still flashing; you have to wait until it is finished.