

DARLINGTON PAVILION — SPORT AND RECREATION INITIATIVES

**408. Mr M. HUGHES to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

Mr Speaker —

**Mr Z.R.F. Kirkup** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Dawesville, I know you like to be in the limelight, but you are looking silly doing something like that, so I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr M. HUGHES:** I refer to the Darlington Pavilion, which my community has waited a long time to see upgraded. What has this government done to ensure that this much needed and widely supported community facility is delivered for the people of the electorate of Kalamunda, and what other sport and recreation initiatives and projects is this government supporting across the state?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:**

Before I answer that question, on behalf of the member for Kimberley, I welcome the teachers and students from La Salle College. The kids are from Balgo, Bidyadanga and Fitzroy. It is very good to see the boys and girls in the public gallery.

I thank the member for Kalamunda for the very good question. Certainly I hear that his name in that area now is the “Giant Killer”! He cut the head off a minister and popped up and got on with the work. He has not stopped. He has moved on. It is with great pleasure that we have announced this week that we will provide a \$100 000 grant to the Darlington Sports & Recreation Association (WA) Inc for the development of that new pavilion. I acknowledge the hard work that the member put in behind the scenes. It is a long-awaited project, as the member mentioned, and something that never happened over the eight and a half years of the other side of the house. Even though it had a minister in the electorate, the former government was not capable of delivering as the member for Kalamunda has done; very well done.

Kalamunda is an out-of-growth area with a rapidly increasing population. I have visited and seen those subdivisions out there, which is great. We are looking at encouraging people in the sporting area —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members, I can hear the wall of noise again.

**Mr W.R. Marmion** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** If you were funny, it would be okay as an interjection.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** The member for Nedlands set the world on fire in his time in this Parliament. My God! The member should be embarrassed to even interject because he did nothing previously. We are making sure that this government does not forget the outer areas and regions of Perth, along with country areas. I have been criticised during the week for working very hard to get facilities into my area. Community sport is a very vital part of our society.

If we do not put the facilities out there, we will fail to attract people to those facilities and fail to keep them out of trouble at the same time. Let us keep these kids busy. Let us have them out there recreating in places such as Kalamunda. It is with pride that we do that. There have been 172 local projects from local job grants across the metropolitan area. As much as the member for Vasse has 52 kilometres of beach in her area, she was grizzling about someone getting a swimming pool!

Several members interjected.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Really! We cannot put up with that. At the moment, we are going forward with these 172 local projects.

Several members interjected.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I will finish off very quickly. I will repeat again that there are 172 projects across the metropolitan area. That was unheard of under the previous government. It went out and wasted money; it threw it away. We will look at some of the areas that are not being used anymore, including some of the places that cannot afford to run the facilities put up by the former government—the Taj Mahals for those towns. Again, I will say that there are 172 more sporting teams and clubs that will have infrastructure to encourage kids in our communities to be part of them, to recreate and be healthy.