

**BELMONT ELECTORATE — EDUCATION FUNDING**

*Statement by Member for Belmont*

**MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont)** [12.58 pm]: I wish to highlight the investment the McGowan government has made in education in my electorate of Belmont. We are committed to investing in Indigenous education and I am thrilled that the McGowan Labor government has committed to funding the Clontarf Foundation program for Belmont City College. This will provide an opportunity for up to 50 students from Belmont City College to further their learning and development in a program that is proven to deliver outstanding results for Aboriginal boys. Another project that I am very excited about is the new, state-of-the-art \$5 million performing arts centre the McGowan government is funding at Belmont City College. With its renowned specialist drama program, I know that the school community is looking forward to this important infrastructure project that will be enjoyed by students at Belmont City College for many years to come. I look forward to enjoying the students' productions in the new facility once it is completed. The McGowan Labor government's \$200 million school maintenance blitz recently delivered a massive boost to every public school in the state. This includes \$960 000 of funding for my electorate of Belmont. Under this program, Belmay Primary School received \$210 000; Belmont City College received over \$236 000; Belmont Primary School received over \$51 000; Carlisle Primary School received over \$107 000; Cloverdale Education Support Centre received \$26 000; Cloverdale Primary School received \$53 000; Kewdale Primary School received \$82 000; Redcliffe Primary School received \$45 000; Rivervale Primary School received \$113 000; and, South East Metropolitan Language Development Centre and Outreach Service received \$37 000. In addition to this funding, both Carlisle and Belmont Primary Schools have received funding to install new roofs for their classrooms and administration buildings. I am proud that the McGowan government is committed to investing in education in my electorate.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*