

PERTH CITY DEAL

723. Mr S.A. MILLMAN to the Minister for Planning:

I refer to the job-creating Perth City Deal that the McGowan Labor government has secured with the commonwealth government and the City of Perth.

- (1) Can the minister outline to the house what economic opportunities will be unlocked by the Perth City Deal and the development of three new inner-city university campuses?
- (2) Furthermore, can the minister outline to the house what this will mean for Mt Lawley and investment in Mount Lawley Senior High School?

Mr B.S. Wyatt: Wonderful question. There's a wonderful answer coming.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:

I thank the Treasurer, in anticipation.

The SPEAKER: Order, Treasurer! I want to hear the minister.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI:

- (1)–(2) I thank the member for Mount Lawley for his commitment to his electorate in particular and to the good folk of Mt Lawley for making sure that, as part of this deal, Mt Lawley becomes a winner, and it absolutely has. It was a big weekend, as the Premier outlined before. The good Senator Mathias Cormann—happy birthday to Mathias for his fiftieth birthday on that Sunday—Andrew Hammond from the City of Perth and a number of other representatives and I announced the city deal. It was a big weekend. We announced the zip-line on Saturday. The zip-line is up and ready to go. As I outlined before, I presented to the Livestock and Rural Transport Association of Western Australia's annual conference.

Mr B.S. Wyatt: You had quite a big weekend.

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: It was quite a big weekend. After that last question from the National Party, I realised that the National Party was not at the annual conference of the Livestock and Rural Transport Association of WA. The Liberal Party was represented and the Labor Party was represented—even after some initial hiccups with the member for Collie–Preston in his first year when he was representing me—but the National Party was not there. That is curious. There must have been an event on at Claremont Quarter, I suspect.

One of the most exciting elements of the city deal was, of course, the university campuses. The Premier has outlined that Edith Cowan University is moving to the city and that Curtin University is expanding its presence and Murdoch University will have a presence. There is so much more, including the pedestrian and transport links, and, as I said, the new Causeway Bridge. I am glad that we are partnering with the commonwealth on that project. Improvements will be made to our cultural institutions. This is really about vibrancy and activities in the city centre. As the member for Perth outlined, and as the Premier said today, this is a game changer. It will change the dynamics of the city centre. Future generations will look back at that decision and say that it changed the City of Perth.

What does Mt Lawley need as part of this overall deal? As the member for Mount Lawley rightly put to us, Mount Lawley Senior High School is an iconic school in that area. This deal gives us a massive opportunity in relation to the facilities and services that the high school can provide, particularly in that local area. There are so many excellent facilities at ECU, particularly the performance spaces. As part of the deal, we want to incorporate those into a bigger and better Mount Lawley Senior High School, with an expanded capacity, noting that there is already pressure on enrolments at that school. We believe that other parts of that area can add to the Mt Lawley community. In a sense, this is a win–win situation. It is a win for the city and also for Mt Lawley. I thank the member for Mount Lawley for his strong advocacy for his electorate and making sure that Mount Lawley Senior High School is a huge winner as part of this deal.