

WAR MEMORIALS

**850. Hon SALLY TALBOT to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Veterans:**

I refer to an article in the *South Western Times* on Thursday, 14 August, headed “Our Anzac Shame”.

- (1) Who is responsible for maintaining war memorials in Western Australia?
- (2) What funding is available from the state government to the community or to local government for repairs to Australian war memorials?

**Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:**

On behalf of the Minister for Veterans, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No single organisation is responsible for maintaining the thousands of war memorials. War memorials are normally under the control or care of the local authorities or local ex-service organisations where a memorial is situated.
- (2) The state government, through Lotterywest, provides support for the restoration or conservation of war memorials. For 2013–14, Lotterywest approved five grants to the value of \$95 013 towards war memorials.

For the year to date, July 2014, a further two grants have been approved to the value of \$25 300 for war memorials. One of these grants includes up to \$10 000 to the City of Bunbury towards conservation works to the Bunbury War Memorial at Anzac Park to which the member is referring.

There is also a federal government program available called “Saluting Their Service” to assist in restoring, preserving and upgrading community war memorials.