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MR LIGHTFOOT (Murchison–Eyre) [6.54 pm]: I will be brief tonight because, on a pro rata basis for the amount of years I have been here, perhaps I should only speak for a few seconds. I will be brief because I have my wife and children here tonight and their surrogate grandparents, Mr and Mrs Colin Burnell, who want to go to the dining room and this will be the last opportunity as a member of this place that I will have to take them there.

Mr Speaker, I thank you for the time that you have shown me guidance and forbearance and for the latitude with which you have allowed me to speak in this House. I thank the Leader of the Opposition for his leadership. I thank Bill Hassell for the times he has given me such good, solid advice. I thank all of my colleagues who I have enjoyed sharing these three short years with; I have affection for you all. I thank the members of the Government for the lessons that they have taught me in respect of interjections and the lessons about not giving in. I thank every member of this House very personally—if you can take that as a personal thank you. I thank the staff as obviously this place would not function without them.

In closing I say that it has been a privilege to be here, but to say that I am retiring is fraudulent because I intend to go on pursuing the career I have kept on the back burner over the years. It has been a pleasure for me to come from a very modest background and to have served in this House. I am not as eloquent or emotive as my friend, the member for Moore, but I am no less sincere when I say that it has been a pleasure. I hope that God continues to bless this institution and all the people of Western Australia. Without exception, I wish all a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

The SPEAKER: Before I call on the member for Stirling, a large number of members who are retiring have received their gift and I think it is an appropriate time for Mr Phillip Ross Lightfoot to receive his.

[Applause].