

## COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS

### *Statement by President*

**THE PRESIDENT (Hon Kate Doust):** Members, it is that time of year. The year has moved along very swiftly. We have now completed the second full year of the fortieth Parliament, and I think for a lot of people in this chamber it has been a challenging year. It has certainly been a very busy year. I understand that 44 bills have been before the house and passed, and just in this last week we have seen a significant number of bills on the notice paper move through quite swiftly. I also understand that we have about 30 bills sitting there waiting for everyone's return in the new year, so I am sure plenty of people will be doing their homework over the break, getting ready to deal with those bills.

On top of the work that been happening here in the chamber, it has also been an extremely busy year for members participating on our standing committees. That has resulted in 22 inquiries this year. There have been 19 or so substantial reports tabled. There are currently three select committees afoot—the Select Committee into Alternate Approaches to Reducing Illicit Drug Use and Its Effects on the Community, the Select Committee into Mining on Pinjin Station and the Select Committee on Personal Choice and Community Safety—and another select committee, the Select Committee into Elder Abuse, recently completed a significant piece of work. Given that members in this chamber are usually members of more than one committee and, in some cases, three, it was a very busy year for them. I anticipate that that work will increase over the next year or so as well.

I would like to thank a number of people in the chamber for their hard work this year. I would like to thank the Deputy President, Hon Simon O'Brien, who has done an outstanding job chairing in this chamber. In his role as Chair of Committees, he has organised the Deputy Chairs. I would also like to thank the five Deputy Chairs—Hon Martin Aldridge, Hon Dr Steve Thomas, Hon Robin Chapple, Hon Matthew Swinbourn and Hon Adele Farina. I certainly want to thank Hon Dr Steve Thomas, who is away on urgent parliamentary business, who occasionally leaves a lovely piece of poetry after he has spent some time in the Chair. It is always good to reflect on his interesting work, having to listen to all of you. Maybe we will publish those poems at a later stage.

Those members who joined the chamber last year have certainly stepped up and are actively engaging in the chamber, presenting bills and establishing committees. I am sure that as they become more confident and experienced, their work in this place will increase.

I would like to acknowledge the various party leaders and their teams: Hon Sue Ellery, the Leader of the House, and the Labor team. I know they have worked very hard in this chamber. Hon Sue Ellery has pulled together a very effective business group to try to make sure that the management of the house runs smoothly. I also acknowledge Hon Peter Collier, the Leader of the Opposition, and his Liberal team. It is a significant adjustment to move from one side of the chamber to the other but he has certainly made that transition this year, and I think that has been noted. I thank Hon Jacqui Boydell, the Leader of the National Party, and her three fellow members very much for their contribution this year. Hon Alison Xamon and the members of the Greens in this chamber have also worked extremely hard. Hon Colin Tincknell, Hon Charles Smith and Hon Robin Scott have also made a significant contribution on behalf of their party. Although Hon Rick Mazza and Hon Aaron Stonehouse may not have parties behind them, they certainly make a significant contribution, and I always enjoy listening to what they have to say.

Part of the challenge for members in this chamber is that it is a small chamber. Although it might get feisty from time to time, particularly towards the end of the year, it is always useful to note that people are able to work behind the Chair and they are able to work well together on committees. We have seen that in the nature of the reports that have been handed down by our committees. It is very rare to see minority reports. I think that is evidence that people are able to work together for the common good and deliver good documents and good pieces of work to this chamber.

We are very blessed and fortunate in this Parliament—all my predecessors have made this comment as well—to have excellent staff working in this building. Regardless of the department they work in, they certainly look after us exceptionally well. I would like to acknowledge and thank all the staff in the Department of the Legislative Council, who are led by our Clerk, Mr Nigel Pratt, and his leadership team. Everyone in this chamber would acknowledge the hard work that they do for us, the assistance they provide, the advice they give and the support they provide to everyone in this chamber. I would like to acknowledge our Clerk, Mr Nigel Pratt; our Deputy Clerk, Mr Paul Grant; Ms Suzanne Veletta, Mr John Seal-Pollard, Ms Renae Jewell and Mr Grant Hitchcock. I would also like to acknowledge all our fabulous chamber staff, who are constantly moving around making sure that things are happening, that members have a glass of water when they are on their feet and that we have the appropriate paperwork, which just seems to magically appear in our hands when we want it. I think they do an exceptional job. I would like to acknowledge Mr Peter Gale and Mr Brian Conn, who, as we know, has served for 30 years in this chamber, and I think that is worthy of another acknowledgement. I also acknowledge Ms Hayley Brown,

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Ms Lisa Parrella and Ms Rebecca Burton, the Clerk's executive assistant, who has also worked in the chamber from time to time throughout the year.

I have already mentioned our committees, but I would certainly like to acknowledge our committee team, which is led ably by Christine Kain. They have been under a lot of pressure this year with the increase in the volume of work that has come their way. We have seen a number of new staff working in the committee rooms. I met with two new staff today—one, in fact, who started only last week. It is probably the best time of year to start working on a committee, I would think. She will have the summer break to become accustomed to the work that she has ahead of her. The committee staff provide valuable resources for this chamber. I think we are very fortunate that we have a diverse group of people with very interesting and strong backgrounds for the nature of the work that they are doing here. I think this adds great value to the work that they do. I look forward to the work that they will contribute over the next 12 months to members of this chamber.

I would like to also thank the Parliamentary Services team, who provide all the essential services to make sure this building functions. A couple of times this year it has not quite functioned in the way that we would like it to, but I am sure that will improve in the future. I would like to acknowledge all in the Building Services team, who keep everything running and the lights on, and the garden is looking great. I certainly want to acknowledge the gardeners because they do a fabulous job. When we turn up to the car park on sitting days, we see them out there working and everything always looks fantastic. I must say that when I was chasing them last week to get a few kangaroo paws, they Hoover through very quickly. They are a hard bunch of blokes to keep track of, but they do an outstanding job.

I acknowledge all our staff who work in Catering Services. I note that we had a couple of visitors in the chamber yesterday brought in by Hon Simon O'Brien because they had talked about our dining room. After the lunch that they had with Hon Simon O'Brien, I am hoping that they are able to go out and spruik how well we are looked after by our Catering Services team. I acknowledge the staff working in Finance and also Human Resources. The staff from Information Technology have constant challenges but are always very quick to respond to any issues that members may raise and anything that our staff raise. I acknowledge the Library and Information Services staff, who are always very accommodating and very keen that members are kept up to date with information. They provide research and support and are an exceptional bunch of people. I acknowledge our Parliamentary Education Office; we are very fortunate to have a very strong team in that area. Members will note that the number of visitors to our chamber has increased again in the last year. I think we have had more than 20 000 visitors to this building in the last year. It is made up mainly of students from primary schools and high schools, but there has also been an increase in the number of public visitors who elect to come here to take tours, be they general tours of the Parliament or the increasingly popular art tours that happen once a month. Our education staff certainly provide an informative and very active tour, in particular people such as Peter Dooley, who is very entertaining with the children. I am sure that they look forward to return visits.

Our Reception Services and Security staff certainly look after us. There are ever-increasing changes to access to buildings around the world, and I know that our security staff have to deal with significant challenges that members are not always aware of. There has been a lot of controversy about the recently placed bollards in front of Parliament. Although they may not be attractive, they serve a very important purpose. Even at my age, I am a firm believer in Santa Claus, so I am hoping that at some time in the future Santa may, in the form of the Treasurer, deliver some additional funds to Parliament so that we can get some retractable bollards put out the front to improve security. I have a long list for Santa but that will be a good start. I think we would all like to thank our Reporting Services team, the fabulous Hansard staff. They do an outstanding job. They obviously have exceptional hearing because even when things get a bit loud and robust in this chamber, when we read our copy of the pink, we find they are able to make us sound fabulous. They always make all of us look exceptionally good when our words have been recorded.

I would also like to acknowledge and thank Mr Rob Hunter, the executive manager of Parliamentary Services and all his team. I know that he has had a very interesting year. It is not always easy to squeeze every penny out of the pound, if you like, to try to make sure we can keep this building functioning, but he seems to have done that remarkably well—and done it with exceptionally good humour, I might say, as well.

I would like to acknowledge the very fabulous Ms Deb Kapoor, who looks after not only me in her capacity as steward to the President, but also all the members in this chamber and has been very accommodating. I think she is becoming exceptionally popular with people from the other place. I note that occasionally in the mornings members from the other place are loitering, hoping that Deb will make them a cup of her special coffee, so we might have to think about how we manage that! She does a great job for all of us.

I would like to also thank Tina O'Connor, who works for me in the President's office and certainly gets me organised and makes sure I am in the right place when I need to be. Thank you very much, Tina, for another great year this year.

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Given that next year there will be an increase in the number of sitting weeks—I have already referenced that we have bills waiting for us—I am sure that next year the government will have more legislation coming into this place. I anticipate that it will be a very busy year as the government moves into its third year. I think it becomes more and more important for members to make the most of the break, to go away, to spend time with their families and to try to relax and clear their heads before they return in February, because it will be very busy.

The same goes for staff. I know our staff in this chamber work exceptionally hard. Even when we leave at night, more often than not they are here much longer than we are. I hope they get a decent break away with their family and friends and take some time out.

The other thing I was going to say is that although there are seven parties in here now and people may have different views and come at issues from different angles, I think it is always interesting that people find when they are working together that they probably have more in common than they do not. One of the things I hope for next year is that people are able to work constructively together to achieve that common-interest outcome, if you like, rather than being adversarial all the time.

I think this year has been a successful year in terms of the number of bills that have moved through this place. It has been an interesting year to watch people grow and develop as members in the chamber and through their work on committees. I hope people take that time out to have a break, and I wish that all the members and staff have a very happy Christmas with your families and a very relaxing break, and I look forward to working with you in 2018.

Before I finish, I will table the 2019 annual schedule of allocation of motions on notice.

[See paper 2319.]

**The PRESIDENT:** Happy Christmas everyone!

Members: Hear, hear!

**HON SUE ELLERY (South Metropolitan — Leader of the House)** [5.08 pm]: Madam President, I join you in your words but I begin by thanking you for the role you play in our house. I also thank all the members and staff of Parliament, inside and outside this chamber, and throughout the various functioning areas of the house. I wish them all a peaceful festive season and encourage everybody to take time for family and to rest.

I send my particular regards to Chris Hunt, who lost his wife just a short time ago. People know Chris; he serves us well in this chamber. This will be a difficult Christmas for Chris and his family, and I know I send him the best wishes of the entire house.

I want to thank in particular the whole government team, and in particular my deputy, Hon Stephen Dawson, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business, and my ministerial colleague Hon Alannah MacTiernan. This morning, we had a celebration. As part of our farewell activities, we held a Christmas bake-off morning tea. Everybody was encouraged to bake something. If people could not bake something, we did allow a degree of outsourcing, and several people took that opportunity. I am pleased to reveal the scoop news of the day—that I have appointed the winner of the Labor Party caucus Christmas bake-off to be Hon Kyle McGinn.

Several members interjected.

**Hon SUE ELLERY:** I want to explain why. He made a fabulous Christmas log. It is a beautiful dessert. He made seven of them in Kalgoorlie, and he put them in the freezer. He then got in his car to drive to Perth and left them in the freezer in Kalgoorlie, so he made them again in Perth this week and brought them in this morning. I thank everybody for their contributions this morning, but in particular I pay homage to the effort of Hon Kyle McGinn.

I thank everybody in our team for their outstanding effort every day, whether they are in the house or working hard out in our electorates.

I also want to thank the opposition. I will start with the Liberal Party and Hon Peter Collier. I really value our working relationship. What I will miss over Christmas is the special attention I get every day from Hon Nick Goiran. If I could be so bold as to encourage him to perhaps look elsewhere for someone to pay his special attention to, that would be a relief to me.

The President noted that there are seven parties in this chamber to deal with. I thank the members of the National Party, led by Hon Jacqui Boydell. It is sometimes a challenge to work with seven parties, and sometimes juggling all those relationships is difficult. I have never found Hon Jacqui Boydell anything other than pleasant and professional to deal with. We do not always agree—that is certainly the case—but I have certainly never had any difficulty in my working relationship with her. Equally, I thank Hon Alison Xamon and the Greens for the professional working relationship that we have. I also thank the three gentlemen from One Nation for the working relationship that we have. I acknowledge that having come into this place only 16 or 17 months ago, they have done an outstanding job to get their head around what sometimes must seem to outsiders a very strange—not that

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I think it is—working environment with a very strange set of rules. I thank Hon Rick Mazza for his ongoing professional relationship, and also the leader of the Liberal Democrats, Hon Aaron Stonehouse. It has been difficult at times to manage that working relationship, but I aim to do it in a respectful way, and I thank everybody for assisting me to do that.

I pay particular thanks to the staff in my ministerial office and my electorate office, who often are desperately trying to get my attention with regard to my portfolio or constituent matters but are not able to do it because I am doing the things that I am required to do as the Leader of the House in a house with seven parties. In particular, I thank Kris, Ollie and Shelley, who staff the office in Parliament House, in the crazy room that three ministers share. I know they will be watching—if they are not, I want to know why! I thank them for the work they do every day to make it easier for us to do our work and balance all the things we need to balance.

I wish everybody, genuinely, a peaceful and joyous Christmas and festive season. I hope you will take time to spend with your families and friends, and time to rest and recuperate, read some good books, do nothing, drink some good alcohol and eat some great food.

**HON PETER COLLIER (North Metropolitan — Leader of the Opposition)** [5.14 pm]: I stand to make a few comments on behalf of the Liberal Party. This is an interesting time of the year. It is when we all unite, arm in arm, and look forward to a bit of a break while reflecting upon the past year. It really is a good time, and it is what we are all about. I, first of all, reinforce the gratitude the President expressed to the entire parliamentary precinct, because it works in unison. We operate best when on automatic, and no matter what time of the day we come or go this place just seems to operate automatically. Everyone has their little place in the environment, and it just works so effectively. No matter where we are in this place, we feel welcome. Whether it is out in the gardens, in the corridors, the members' dining room or the chamber, everything just hums along. The staff are just so accommodating and so enriched with positive energy. It is a really, really good working environment.

In terms of this chamber, of course, Nigel and the chamber staff across the board are exceptional, as are the Hansard staff, and those outside. I do not want to go any further in case I miss someone, but the whole parliamentary precinct operates so well, and I express the gratitude of the Liberal Party for the job of work they do so consistently well.

I will start with you, Madam President. You have really welded into this position so effectively, efficiently and positively. You are just so professional in your job of work. On behalf of the Liberal Party, I thank you.

To government members, Hon Sue Ellery is correct—we have a great working relationship. We really do. There are a lot of laughs, not too much agitation—when there is, we always get over it—and that is what a good working relationship is all about. To Hon Sue Ellery, we have been, dare I say, mutual adversaries for a long time, and it is working. We have a good working relationship. Thank you very much to the members of the government. You guys, it is good working with you—it really is. No matter what happens, when we come in here we will continue to be good working colleagues.

On this side of the chamber, right across from the crossbench through to the Greens is a reflection of a dynamic society—it is great. That is why the upper house is so good. If members go back to my maiden speech, I always said I wanted to go to the upper house. Forget about the rank amateurs—we do it all up here! Thank you to every single one of you, from our great friends and colleagues in the National Party and their leader, Hon Jacqui Boydell, right through to Hon Rick Mazza, Hon Aaron Stonehouse and our three One Nation colleagues, and then of course the Greens. Collectively, this is a rich tapestry of what we are as a community. Each and every one of you brings something that is quite dynamic and diverse, and to see the way we have evolved as a house over the last two years is just so therapeutic as, dare I say it, a disciple of politics. Members know what happens, we become more attuned to the standing orders and mechanics of the Parliament, and that makes us an even more dynamic environment. It has been just so good to work with each and every one of you on the crossbench, including the National Party and the Greens.

To my colleagues, we were a seriously diminished crew after the last election. Yes, we hit the mat, but we really did get up straightaway. To my deputy, Hon Michael Mischin, and my other seven colleagues, you guys are terrific—you really are. We had our dinner last Thursday, and we reflected upon the past year. We feel that we had all contributed. There is not one person in our team who is more significant than anyone else. We feel that we all contribute, and when I look to my right, behind me or to my left I know I have someone there who can do a job of work well. It is such a privilege to be your leader, guys. Thank you very much to each and every one of you from the Liberal team.

Having said all that, we have come to the end of yet another year—halfway through now, guys!—and that is the good part. The opposition has a job of work in front of it—Madam President, you are quite correct—with the 30-plus bills that it will face when it comes back at the beginning of next year. I hope that you all take time out. I think we operate best in life when we are relaxed and confident, and we are best that way when we have a bit of

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time out. So spend a bit of time with those that you love and who love you, and I wish each and every one of you a happy and blessed Christmas. I hope 2019 will bring you good health and happiness.

**HON JACQUI BOYDELL (Mining and Pastoral — Deputy Leader of the Nationals WA)** [5.19 pm]: I rise tonight as well to reflect on the year and thank all members of this house. This year has created some challenges along the way, but we have been able to work through them, and that is how we find ourselves having passed that number of bills. There has been a lot of discussion over those pieces of legislation, as it should be, and many varying and different points of view have been put to the house and considered in earnest. All of us accept that we do not always get the outcome that we want, but we try to work towards the best outcome that can be achieved by the house. I think all members work in that manner.

It goes without saying that the staff at Parliament House, in particular the Legislative Council staff whom we work with on a daily basis, do a wonderful job of supporting all the members, and each other I dare say, because I am sure that there are conversations about issues that staff struggle to manage, as we do as members. I have no doubt that that support network for staff is in place. The amount of work and dedication of each staff member at Parliament House is always noted by members. It is a joy to come to Parliament House and work here. I love to bring my associates and family to Parliament and introduce them to my friends who are staff here as well, because it is just such a welcoming place. I place on the record my thanks to those staff in particular.

I cannot let the year pass, from a National Party perspective, without noting the passing of Hon Dexter Davies, and what a difficult year it has been for us. He was a much loved member of our team, and an accomplished person in many ways, and a member of this house from 1998 until 2001. I also want to place on the record the presentation of a life membership to Hon Wendy Duncan, former member of the Legislative Council, from the National Party, and also member for Kalgoorlie in the other place until her resignation. She was a much loved member of the National Party, and she was awarded that life membership at our state conference this year.

I will touch on one challenge that all members and parties in not just the state Parliament but also the federal Parliament have dealt with this year—sexual harassment in the workplace. We have seen some of those challenges with incidents that occurred in the other place in our state Parliament. I think all members genuinely want to see an improvement in the way that sexual —

**Hon Alannah MacTiernan** interjected.

**Hon JACQUI BOYDELL**: Did the minister want to say something?

**Hon Sue Ellery**: She can have a conversation with me, if that is okay.

**Hon JACQUI BOYDELL**: I just wanted to make sure that she did not want to interject.

I think sexual harassment in the workplace is something that all members want to see an improvement on. The global recognition of the Me Too movement is bringing education in that space, and that is a really good thing. Along with some other parliamentary colleagues, I attended the Us Too movement luncheon in Perth, and we were very happy to do so and stand shoulder to shoulder with those women to continue the message that sexual harassment is not okay in the workplace. There is much work to do in that space, but I think, given the platform that members of Parliament have, it is incumbent on us to continue to work through that issue.

A notable step forward in our processes this year is the adoption of the welcome to country. That has been a major step forward. I also note the extensive work of committees. One of the most significant committee reports being considered by members at this time is that of the Joint Standing Committee on End of Life Choices. That will be one of the more significant pieces of legislation that the house will debate next year. In particular, I want to thank members for the hard work that they do on committees. It takes up a lot of our time but it is extensive, valuable work that we do. That committee in particular will bring much discussion to this house and its report will be a good research tool for members to understand that issue.

To my National Party colleagues in this house and the other house, I thank you for all your hard work, your tenacious attitude and your unfailing energy. We are a small but mighty team. Being in opposition is certainly different, but we have worked well together as a team as we work towards the next election. I look forward to working with you all into 2019. To members of the opposition, the crossbench and, indeed, the government, it has been a robust year, as I said, but it has been absolutely as it should be. It is also right that at the end of the year we put that discussion behind us and celebrate the coming festive season. To all the families who are waiting for us at home, I say thank you. It is not easy to be the loved one of a member of Parliament. Our jobs mean that we travel widely, particularly those of us who live in regional Western Australia, who spend a lot of time away from home. We miss our families and they miss us. I know that all of us in the house tonight are looking forward to being able to spend an extended period of time with our loved ones over the festive season.

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Members, stay safe. Thank you for your friendship during the year and your debate. I look forward to being able to work with you all next year.

**HON RICK MAZZA (Agricultural)** [5.26 pm]: I would like to express my extreme disappointment that no-one has got up and sung a ditty this evening. I fear that we have been trumped by the other place.

**Hon Darren West:** Off you go!

**Hon RICK MAZZA:** No, you will not get that from me. I was expecting Hon Darren West to get up and maybe do an Elvis impersonation or something like that for Christmas

**The PRESIDENT:** Do not tempt him.

**Hon RICK MAZZA:** I concur with all those who have sent their best wishes to all the staff throughout the Parliament who make this place run. Being a single member, I would like to especially acknowledge the clerks, whose counsel I often seek. It is always first-class advice that I get to make sure that I do not trip up too much along the way. I would also like to acknowledge my electorate staff—Anne, Tim and Lucy, who I am sure will watch this tomorrow—for their great support and the fact that without them it would be very difficult for me to get across all the legislation that comes through this place. To the Leader of the House and the Leader of the Opposition, I thank you again for your counsel, too, and all the party leaders whom we meet with from time to time. I thank the crossbenchers and all members of the chamber whom I view as colleagues, despite our political differences. We do have those differences, which is as it should be—it was mentioned earlier—but at the end of the day there is an underlying goodwill and fellowship that exists amongst all of us.

I quite simply would like to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year to you and your families. I hope to see you safely back here again next year.

**HON COLIN TINCKNELL (South West)** [5.28 pm]: Once again, I want to pay special thanks to the President of this house. She does a magnificent job. As she alluded to earlier on, there are quite a few new members in this house but we are now veterans of nearly 20 months and we have learnt a lot. We have relied on her counsel and the way she runs the house and we respect that. I also want to thank the staff. As new members, my colleagues alongside me and the crossbenchers have found the staff just magnificent. They support and help us so that we know we are going in the right direction to get the information we want, which makes all of our staff and our colleagues look good because we can get on with debating the issues. As many members have said today, that debate has been pretty robust. That is the value of this house—the debate that goes on and the diversity of the debate. It is great to be a part of seven different parties in a house. I value that, and I know my fellow colleagues do, too.

To my fellow party members, Hon Charles Smith and Hon Robin Scott—there are too many Robins and Colins in this place!—I really thank them. We have learnt a lot over the last 12 months and we feel like we are growing as a team. As a new party, we have gained a new president; the party is growing. That has taken a lot of pressure off us and we hope to get even better at our jobs in the new season.

To my fellow crossbench members, thank you very much. It is always good. We meet on a regular basis to discuss every issue and bill that goes through this house, and that is not easy. We all have different views, but we honour those views and we have robust discussions as well.

To the Leader of the House and to the Leader of the Opposition, and the leaders of the Nationals WA and the Greens, I thank you. It has been very good working with you. It is always difficult because we all try to get to the same result but we go about it differently. In the end, as they say, it is a very collegiate place and we work together for the people of WA.

Most of all I want to wish everyone a merry Christmas, especially the staff—the people who work for the three members of the One Nation party. We are in debt to those people; they help us a great deal. To everyone in this house and to everyone who makes Parliament run as well as it does, thank you very much. Merry Christmas to you all.

**HON DIANE EVERS (South West)** [5.31 pm]: On behalf of the Greens, I would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Parliament House staff, who do so well to look after our every need or request. Thank you to the Hansard staff, who seem to record exactly what we mean to say. Thank you to the catering staff, who deliver diversity, interest, and health in the food that they provide. Thank you to the security staff for being relaxed and lighthearted while carrying out such an important task. Thank you to the parliamentary education staff, who do so well to tell the really interesting stories. Thank you to all those who keep Parliament House looking its best and providing an inviting and open atmosphere to make our guests feel welcome. A very heartfelt thank you to all the Legislative Council staff, who provide structural support to our deliberations and who ensure that our work is

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facilitated and never limited by the workings of the Council chamber. I would like to also thank all other Parliament House staff. It has been a delight to have so many people willing to help us at every moment to make sure that we can do the best job that we are here to do.

I would like to thank you, Madam President. It has been a delight learning how this place works. I appreciate your guidance in here. I appreciate all the contributions from all other members in here. It has been, truly, a very interesting path to take.

I would like to thank the committee staff, who do so much to ensure that we are well informed in our roles as committee members, and also the staff who support me and my Greens colleagues to do so much to keep our agenda front and centre so that we can do our best while we are here. I thank my colleagues Tim Clifford, Robin Chapple and Alison Xamon for helping this team contribute in the best way that we can to make this place work as well as it does.

To all members and all staff in the chamber, I would like to express our good wishes to you and your families for a safe, exciting, relaxing and joyful holiday break. I hope that all Western Australians are also able to enjoy a safe and joyful summer.

**The PRESIDENT:** Members, before we adjourn, I remind you that, traditionally, on the last sitting evening, I encourage you to visit the members' lounge and to perhaps share some good food and some wine together before you move on to enjoy your Christmas time away. With that, the house is adjourned.

*House adjourned at 5.34 pm*

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