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PAUL WILLIAM ANDREWS

Condolence Motion

MR C.J. BARNETT (Cottesloe — Premier) [2.01 pm] — without notice: I move —

That this house records its sincere regret at the death of Paul William Andrews and tenders its deep sympathy to his family.

Paul Andrews was born on 11 November 1955 in Bunbury, the son of Peter William Andrews, a business proprietor, and Patricia Hilda Taylor. He married Lim Gim-Hoon at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Claremont on 3 October 1982. Paul was educated at St Thomas's primary school, Bunbury; Marist Brothers' College, Bunbury; and Bunbury Senior High School. He attended the Western Australian Institute of Technology from 1973 to 1980; the Western Australian College of Advanced Education from 1982 to 1983; and Murdoch University from 1993 to 1994. Paul was employed as a school teacher at St Norbert College from 1977 to 1981, and from 1982 to 1985. He worked with the Adult Migrant Education Service in 1982 and for Lumen Christi College from 1986 to 2000.

Paul was the Labor candidate for the House of Representatives electorate of Pearce in both 1996 and 1998. He was also the Labor candidate for the Legislative Assembly seat of Avon at the 1996 state election, before being elected to this house as the member for Southern River in February 2001 and retaining his seat at the 2005 election.

Paul served in this house as a member of the Education and Health Standing Committee from 30 May 2001 to 23 January 2005; as a member of the Procedure and Privileges Committee from 7 April 2005 to 6 September 2008; as the Chairman of the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation from 8 March 2006 to 6 September 2008; and as an Acting Speaker of the Legislative Assembly from 1 May 2001 to 6 September 2008.

Paul represented Western Australia in Gaelic football in 1974, 1975 and 1977, and was an instructor for the World Taekwondo Federation, Western Australian Branch.

During Paul's maiden speech to this house on 2 May 2001, he raised the issue of organ donations and described to the house his own personal experience of kidney failure and being the beneficiary of a kidney transplant. Paul continued to raise the issue of organ donation throughout his time as the member for Southern River.

On behalf of all members of this house, I extend our deepest sympathy to Paul Andrews' wife, Gim, and his children Lara, Rebecca and Peter. Paul Andrews was a respected and much-liked member of this house, and that applied right across both sides of the Parliament. I pass on my personal sympathy to his family. He was much loved and respected and we will miss him.

MR E.S. RIPPER (Belmont — Leader of the Opposition) [2.04 pm]: Members on this side of the house join the Premier in extending our deep sympathy to Gim, Paul Andrew's wife, and to his family. Paul was among the class of newly elected Labor members in 2001. At that time we had a caucus that, by a majority of one, consisted chiefly of new members of Parliament. It was a very pleasant day when we assembled to see rank upon serried rank of Labor members and to see Paul Andrews amongst them. As the Premier indicated by his reference to Paul's political career, Paul was one of those people who was so committed to the cause that he took on unwinnable seats in a series of campaigns and finally came into this Parliament by winning in a marginal seat campaign. He convincingly won the seat of Southern River from former Liberal member Monica Holmes. There was no easy ride for Paul in politics; it was a matter of hard work and commitment. He increased his winning margin in the 2005 election to more than eight per cent. Following a redistribution of the seat in 2007, he was defeated at the 2008 election.

Paul was an avid sportsman as a young man and he went so far as to represent Western Australia at a national level in Gaelic football. At the same time, he spent his life battling kidney disease after a serious illness damaged his kidneys when he was 10. In 1991 he suffered chronic renal failure and was forced to endure dialysis treatments while waiting for an organ transplant. In 1992 he was fortunate enough to receive a kidney transplant. Paul was the first person elected to Parliament to have received an organ transplant. He did a lot better than simply express gratitude for the opportunity of receiving the transplant. As we all know, he became a tireless campaigner for organ donation. In his very first speech to Parliament he highlighted his commitment to increasing awareness of the need for more organ donors. So strong was Paul's understanding of the hard wait that people requiring organ donation go through that when his donated kidneys began to falter in 2006, he refused to join the donation list again, saying that he had had his turn. He campaigned for changes such as

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establishing a system to audit all deaths in Western Australia to identify potential donors and for a doctor in each major hospital to track patients and have them assessed as potential donors. He supported legislation that removed the restriction on donors from outside a patient's family making live organ donation. His successful campaign helped Western Australia go from having the lowest number of donors to having the highest number by 2006. In an interview he advocated in his usual strong way on this issue. He was talking about how almost immediately after death a person's organs begin to decay and he said, "Why the hell wouldn't you give them to someone?" That was his style of no-nonsense advocacy that did so much to build the profile of organ donation in this state. We should all recognise his great contribution in that area.

Paul was many things besides an advocate for organ donation. First and foremost he was a family man. I would particularly like to join with my colleagues in the Labor Party and with all members of Parliament in expressing my great sympathy for his wife Gim, who is here today with us, and his three children, all of whom stood by Paul with tremendous strength during his long struggle with illness.

Paul was also a passionate and committed local member. He was always, even during his illnesses, making sure that he attended to his electorate. In this house he was very popular in his role as Acting Speaker; he was respected by members on all sides. He had authority and legitimacy, and people liked the way he performed that role. In one exchange in the house as Acting Speaker, Paul asked a member whether he would not mind either hurrying up or sitting down because he wanted to get home to a beautiful woman—he later assured the house that that woman was his wife! I must say that Paul gave me some advice as Treasurer that I regret I did not take. As I was trying hard to sell the notion that a very large surplus was a good thing for Western Australia, Paul advocated that we should divide the surplus by the number of people in Western Australia and send everyone a cheque. Regrettably, I did not take up that advice. It would have been very helpful at the 2008 election had I done so. I see that the whole national economic strategy has been built on Paul's advice, and it seems to be working very well. It is my loss that I did not take Paul's wise advice at that time.

Gim, I hope that you and your family know that Paul was very well respected and very well liked in this place. We all mourn his passing and we extend to you our deepest sympathies and condolences on this loss.

MR T.K. WALDRON (Wagin — Minister for Sport and Recreation) [2.11 pm]: I rise to support the Premier's condolence motion for Paul Andrews, who was a fine individual as well as a fine parliamentarian. On behalf of all National Party members of Parliament, I pay tribute to Paul's character, work ethic and dedication to his electorate of Southern River as well as to the broader Western Australian community. Paul was a great supporter and driver of organ donation awareness. A couple of years ago, as part of Organ Donor Awareness Week, Paul encouraged all National Party MPs to join the organ donor register. We all signed up happily, hoping that many others in the community would do the same. Above all, Paul was a terrific bloke and a family man.

Some other members and I had the great privilege of sharing a trip to China with Paul where he proved to be a great ambassador for the state of Western Australia and wonderful company with his great sense of humour. Paul did not know much about barley before that trip but after a few meetings with some agricultural people, he claimed to be an expert on our barley export industry and always said that he and I should go back one day and tell them all about barley.

Paul was an excellent sportsman in his younger days. He was always an excellent competitor in our annual press versus Parliament cricket match, even though his opening bowling was somewhat wayward. I mentioned earlier that Paul was a real family man. He always spoke to me so proudly of his wife, Gim, and children, Lara, Rebecca and Peter. To Paul's family and to his many close friends, we extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy. Our warm thoughts are with you all. It was an honour and a pleasure to have known Paul Andrews, MLA, a great bloke.

MS A.J.G. MacTIERNAN (Armadale) [2.13 pm]: We are all very sad to lose our good friend and former colleague Paul Andrews. I had the honour to be asked to speak at his funeral about his life in politics. I will repeat some of the remarks that I made there. Paul, ever the humorist, also had a joke from beyond the grave, where he had manoeuvred me into a position where I had to sing at his funeral. I cannot say that I considered that to be an honour but, as his daughter Lara pointed out to me, a promise is a promise and I had to do it. That displays the incredible character of Paul and that, even right to the end, he was there with life and spirit.

I came to know Paul and "Team Andrews", as we knew them, around 1994 through the Armadale branch of the Labor Party. Paul was part of a great Labor crew. We were in the trenches, fighting to win seats and to regain government at a federal and state level. Paul was a great supporting friend to Jane Gerick, the former member for Canning, Kay Hallahan and me. He was really moved by the Labor principle of equality of opportunity, from his

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personal experience and from his decades as an educator, which taught him the importance of this principle in creating a good and sustainable community.

Paul also loved the argy-bargy of the political process and he recognised that he had the skills to make a contribution as a member of Parliament. Paul knew that there would be no walk-up start and he took on two unwinnable federal campaigns, as was referred to earlier, before he had the opportunity to contest the winnable, but certainly not safe, seat of Southern River in 2000. There is a delusional illness in politics; we call it “candidates’ disease”, and a symptom of candidates’ disease is that the candidate is caught up in the optimism of the campaign and thinks that he can win an unwinnable election. There were people who thought that Paul, in his various contests for the federal electorate of Pearce, displayed the symptoms of this disease as he dragged his beautiful wife and children letterboxing through the streets of Northam and Chidlow every weekend. I used to threaten to dob him in to child welfare for this particular form of child abuse, but unfortunately I could never get the children to complain! Team Andrews loved him very much and indeed shared his values. However, Paul did not have candidates’ disease; he was always very realistic. He was simply out to show what he was prepared to do, the amount of effort that he was prepared to put in, and that he had the necessary skills and capacity for work to win a seat such as Southern River. Of course, he ultimately received his reward and won that seat. Paul, Martin Whitely and I were a very tight team in the south east corridor, and it was a very sweet night in February 2001 when we won all three seats and Labor took government.

It is important to stress that Paul actually loved representing his community and delivering for it. Projects such as the Gosnells town centre, which he convinced the previous government to fund, remain as monuments to his achievements. He particularly loved all the community associations and sporting clubs—the cricket clubs, the bowling clubs, the Sunday football league—and he recognised that he gave honour to those communities by attending all their functions and adding to the dignity of their events.

Paul also embraced Parliament; he loved Parliament, the practice and the history. It is fair to say—I am sure that this applies to members on both sides of politics—that many of us respect the institution but do not exactly look forward to coming back here; but Paul loved being here. He was Acting Speaker for seven and a half years and right from the beginning was a very tough and authoritative presiding officer who kept the troops in line. As a result of the way in which he conducted himself, and his general spirit, Paul was very well respected on both sides of the house and by the parliamentary staff.

I will not go on about the half-back line, because I am sure that there are plenty of people who can tell all the stories now that they can finally be told without fear of the libel laws! I will say that although they all were a touch anarchic, they were great team players and had the best fun together.

Paul loved committee work, and he ended up chairing—I should not say this—the dreaded Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation, a committee that has the important but painful role of scrutinising the minutiae of government regulations. It is a committee that generally travels widely—in order to relieve the tedium of this task! It is true, as the Leader of the Opposition has mentioned, that Paul was proudest of the work he did for organ donation. It was in that area that he got to see that he had personally made a very big difference; I would like to say that he had moved out of the half-back line to kick a goal.

Paul was hit by illness during his last few years in Parliament, but he would take off only the smallest amount of time he could manage. He wanted to keep doing the job that he loved and he wanted to pull his weight. He was incredibly ill during the last election, but he did not tell anyone, and he battled on as hard as he could. Almost inevitably, as things occur in politics, it ended in a vale of tears, with Paul losing his seat and Labor losing government. One has to have been in politics to understand how tough that was, and how it was compounded for Paul by his illness and the financial need to find new employment. However, engulfed in the cone of love that came from Team Andrews, Paul was able to pull through emotionally and, unbelievably, he actually started teaching kids again. He started an almost new career, teaching children with learning difficulties, and created a new fan base in the process until illness stopped him from working at all.

It was really extraordinary to watch, over the past few months, Gim, Lara, Rebecca and Peter doing all they could in the most natural and loving way to make Paul comfortable and happy. He relished every moment he was with these beautiful people, and with his extended family—his nieces and nephews—and all his great friends, many of whom are here today. I add to the comments that have been made to Gim, Lara, Rebecca and Peter. We are so sorry for your loss, and we also thank you for that extraordinary support that you gave Paul all through those years; that practical, unconditional support that you gave him enabled him to be such a great member of Parliament.

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MR M.P. WHITELEY (Bassendean) [2.21 pm]: I begin by acknowledging Paul's family—Gim, Lara, Rebecca and Peter. Paul was extraordinarily proud of all of them. I spent four years sharing an office with Paul and four years sitting next to him in the chamber, and we spent a lot of time talking about how important his family was to him. I only understood part of why Paul's family was so special to him until recent months, when he started to open up to me about some of his own history, and the fact that both of his parents had died by the time he was 19. For understandable reasons, that made Paul especially close to and proud of his own family.

All the family speakers at Paul's funeral spoke beautifully. There were fantastic contributions from everyone, but I was particularly struck by one comment from Gim, when she said that Paul was a complex man. I got to know some of that complexity. He was a combination of formality and irreverence. He had a fantastic sense of humour, but he loved the traditions and the formality of Parliament. He had a very self-effacing and wicked sense of humour. He was a man of great faith, but also a man of science and great intellect. In a sense, Paul was a conservative, but he was Labor to the core. All those complexities made Paul a very interesting character, and meant that he made a wonderful contribution to this Parliament.

Paul was quite a different character from me, which at least for me was something of an attraction, but we both have incredibly similar histories. We were both elected to former Liberal seats in 2001. We were both very proud to serve alongside the member for Armadale in the south east corridor. We had both previously run for unwinnable seats. Paul had run for three unwinnable seats, such was his determination to enter Parliament. We were both former teachers. We were both married to overseas-born nurses. Both of us, before we were elected, drove 1985 Falcon bombs. Both of us played Gaelic football and both of us had young families. That commonality drew us to each other, but Paul's complexity made him an interesting person to get to know. I came to respect his intellect and knowledge. He had one of the more incisive minds that I have encountered in the Parliament, and I came to value his judgement and advice. I remember him putting up that proposal for the boom bonus, as the Leader of the Opposition mentioned. It was slightly more complex than the Leader of the Opposition portrayed it, but I think the leader has finally got the politics right.

Paul was my closest friend and confidant in the Parliament, but politics is a brutal game. Gim, Rebecca, Lara and Peter will know what I am talking about. It tests friendships, and I am pleased to say that our friendship was tested and survived that test. Those who have been around for a while will know what I am talking about—that nasty action that was taken by the Electoral Commission when it drew some new lines on a map and suddenly my electorate disappeared. Then we had three Labor members for two winnable seats. Paul and I had something else in common—both our factions at the time planned for us to be the member for Southern River. My faction thought it would be a good idea for me to be the member, but there was already a good member for Southern River. There were two problems with the plan to make me the member for Southern River. Firstly, I was not going to do it. Southern River already had a very good member and there was no way I was going to do it. The second problem was that Paul was not terribly keen on the plan. After a few awful and awkward months, the problem was happily resolved. I was happily moved into Bassendean and Paul retained Southern River and continued his fantastic work there. We were able to continue what was for me a very important and deep friendship.

Paul made a considerable contribution to this Parliament. He was without peer as an Acting Speaker, probably because he actually knew what the standing orders were, unlike other members of the half-back line, who could not even find their standing orders. Me, the member for Albany, the member for Mindarie and the then member for Eyre shared the half-back line with Paul. It is fair to say that Paul was more of a student of the rules of this place than any of us has ever been. As an Acting Speaker, Paul had a fantastic authoritative manner, and that, together with his knowledge of the standing orders, meant that he rarely had to call any member to order. When Paul rose gently to his feet, with a stern expression on his face, everyone knew what that meant, and everyone would calm down and the place would come to order.

Paul made some real contributions on issues, particularly in the area of organ donation. He also made a fantastic contribution to committee work. Paul added an academic rigour to the processes of committees, because he was prepared to challenge, particularly in committees of inquiry, the evidence that was put before him and get to the truth of it. One instance that I remember in particular was when Paul and I were members of the Education and Health Standing Committee and were working on the ADHD inquiry. During that inquiry, Paul and I worked a bit of a good cop-bad cop routine, and Paul managed to draw out the complexities of the issues and challenge both academically and intellectually some of the arguments that were put to that committee.

Paul loved being a member of this place. I want to quote a few words from Paul's maiden speech that sum up his attitude to being here —

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As I stand here tonight, my feeling is one of overwhelming elation at being in this place.

Paul felt very privileged to be here. I certainly feel very privileged to have served alongside him. It is a privilege to have had Paul as a friend.

MR J.J.M. BOWLER (Kalgoorlie) [2.26 pm]: As has been mentioned, I was a member of Geoff Gallop's half-back line in 2001. On the left half-back flank was the member for Mindarie, who was rarely there; he was always wandering around the place. Not far behind him, also on the left half-back line, was the member for Albany. On the far right—far more stable—was the then member for Southern River. Our real strength was on the far right, in Paul Andrews, whom we are talking about today. Paul was, as has been said, a very wise person. The friendship that I had with those five members on that half-back line is one that I will have all my life. The member for Mindarie is quite unique and talented. The member for Albany has won three un-winnables. The member for Bassendean has achieved international fame in his fight to combat ADHD drug use. Yet Paul was the wisest of us all. If there was a problem or an issue, I would go to Paul. I believe the others in our group would do the same. Paul had a way of cutting through an issue with a word or a phrase. I remember that in the first few months of the 2001 Gallop Labor government, there were a lot of inexperienced ministers who were battling to control their ministries and had little time for the half-back line, and it was mentioned that the Premier had not come down to spend much time with us, and Paul said, "I feel like I'm playing in the B grade and the A-grade coach hasn't seen a game all year." That was a wonderful way of putting it. But, at the same time, Paul was as loyal as anyone could be to Geoff Gallop and the ministers.

Paul is the best Acting Speaker that we have had in my time in Parliament. His sense of presence in the chair gave to that position the dignity that it deserves. I think that, but for ill-health, he could have been the Speaker one day.

I am fiercely proud of my wife and my five sons. I have photos of my five sons everywhere—in my wallet, in my parliamentary office, in my electorate office and at my home. I love my family dearly. I doubt if anyone in the world loves their children as much as I do. Yet, without diminishing my commitment and my love for my children, I would have to say that Paul Andrews clearly loved his children more than I did. His love for his children was almost unbelievable. We would talk to him and we could feel it coming through. It came through in his maiden speech, when he cried more than all of us put together. His commitment to Gim and his children and his love for them were clearly on display every second of his life. Therefore, one of the proudest things I have done in my nine years as a member of this place so far was to organise a bit of a reunion a few weeks ago in the ministerial dining room where the class of 2001 plus the Clerk and a couple of other close friends had a luncheon. It was a farewell really—a farewell for a friend, a wonderful person, a person I will never forget and a person I was glad to call a friend.

MR J.R. QUIGLEY (Mindarie) [2.30 pm]: I rise to support the Premier's condolence motion for our late friend Paul Andrews. I came into the Parliament in 2001 with Paul and sat with Paul on what has been referred to during speeches this afternoon as the half-back line. There was a certain bonding on that half-back line, although we did not know each other initially. Paul, as we have heard this afternoon, had been the recipient of an organ transplant some years ago. I was very surprised at our first corporate love-in to get to know each other as a group when we played a sort of *Trivial Pursuit* and were asked questions such as, "Who amongst you was a fifth dan black belt and a former ironman?" I looked around the motley crew which was caucus and it had me completely flummoxed, until someone revealed that it was indeed the person Paul Andrews who sat with me on the half-back line. As a young man, therefore, he was a man of considerable strength and resolve. He came into the Parliament and soon endeared himself to both sides of the chamber through his integrity and fair dealing. Members have spoken of his authority in the chair. But those members who were not with us in those first two Parliaments—the thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh Parliaments—would not remember that he achieved that authority, not through ever raising his voice or being cross with anyone, but through his presence and his sense of integrity.

When we were re-elected in 2005, I was particularly fortunate to be allocated a room with Paul at the northern end of the second floor, near the Aboriginal People's Room, and also allocated a seat in this chamber next to Paul. I say "fortunate"—good luck is a fortune, isn't it?—because it was not long after that that I was diagnosed with what was then considered to be a terminal cancer and admitted to a trial program that miraculously got me into remission. But, as members will recall, I had to travel to Melbourne every Sunday night for treatment and came back here as crook as a drover's dog! Up in that room Paul, who had suffered so much and had endured so much in his life, was just a bedrock of support for me, mainly with his black humour. I remember that when he was not feeling well, he would sit in a blue beanbag in our room, and after chemotherapy I would feel so crook that I would just collapse into it. I can remember him coming in and always calling me a cockroach and saying,

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“You look like a cockroach who has been drinking Mortein all night. Don't die in my beanbag or I won't feel comfortable lying on it.” There was always this black humour that I think strengthened me whilst I was ill. I then started to come out of illness and then, sadly, saw Paul sliding into it; so I was out of the beanbag a bit more than he was back in it. But during that time I observed his dedication to his job and to his electorate. He would lie in that beanbag on the phone talking to his electorate office and making sure that all the little things that needed to happen in his community were attended to, notwithstanding his reduced circumstances of health.

Will anyone forget December 2007—I think it was—when he had had quite a serious operation on his ear? He returned to this chamber quite heavily bandaged, but he was not ever going to miss a day in this Parliament that physical incapacity did not absolutely debar. The member for Kalgoorlie mentioned the luncheon that we had only several weeks ago; it was just a magnificent display of both dignity and courage. Paul came from Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital, where he was ailing, and he had been dressed in a suit. He came along to that luncheon, which was his farewell luncheon at this Parliament. Throughout that luncheon, listening to all the speeches that were made, he conducted himself with such dignity and courage that it was just inspiring. I commented at the end that should I have half the dignity and half the courage in facing my death as Paul did facing his, I will be regarded as quite a man. He was absolutely phenomenal. His last wish at that lunch in this Parliament was to be assisted from the luncheon room into your chair, Mr Speaker, so that a photograph could be taken before he returned to hospital, because he was so very, very proud of his role in this Parliament as an Acting Speaker.

It would be remiss of me, also, to not, on behalf of my wife and her family, express our support for the Premier's condolence motion, because whilst he worked at Lumen Christi College, Paul was my wife's teacher, my sister-in-law Erin's teacher, and my brother-in-law's teacher. They all speak of a man who was very, very widely respected on the college campus, once again, not through loudness or authoritarianism, but for his laconic manner, his wisdom and his ongoing support of all the students. With those words, I will resume my seat and commend the Premier's condolence motion to this chamber.

DR K.D. HAMES (Dawesville — Minister for Health) [2.36 pm]: I did not know Paul for as long as other members, because it was after my loss at the 2001 election that Paul entered Parliament. I did not get to know Paul until I got re-elected in 2005. In that we shared similar experiences: I lost twice before winning the third time, and we both, as it turned out, lost after around eight years. I can empathise with Paul and his family about that extremely traumatic time that, unfortunately, some of us get to experience.

But in those four years, I developed a very good relationship with Paul. He was one of those unusual members of Parliament who gets support, friendship and respect from both sides of the house. Most of us have what we call cautious friendships with people on the other side of this house, but Paul did not have to do any work at all. He was not especially friendly in the sense of going out to try to win friends from the other side; he just naturally accumulated people who respected him and his values and the way he spoke and conducted himself. That is the reason he had such strong support from both sides of the house. In fact, I think I could cautiously say that the person with whom he got on the least was actually from his own side of the house, not ours. He just received amazing respect from everybody.

I got to have a relationship with him on a different level because, as a doctor, he frequently discussed with me his renal transplant and his renal problems, and his skin cancer, and the problems those illnesses were causing him. Interestingly enough, when my colleagues and I were in opposition and developing our policy on transplants and organ donors, we got advice from him. I worked closely with him, putting together an acceptable policy for us, using the advice I got from him. Our organ donor policy was formulated with the help of an opposition member.

As Minister for Health and having been asked to nominate members to be on the federal government's organ donor committee and having nominated Paul, I was extremely disappointed that he was not accepted. In fact I told off Hon Nicola Roxon, federal Minister for Health and Ageing, saying, “Here he is; he's on your side; he's the best person we have to be on that committee.” In the end I saw why he had not been chosen, because the other committee members were mostly physicians who had long years of experience in organ donor transplantation. But in my view, he would have been the best person on that committee because of his own personal experience, his extensive research, his extensive study of the issue, and his involvement in putting together policies. I think he would have been extremely valuable on that committee, but sadly he would not have been on it for all that long. It is an enormous shame not only that he did not get onto the committee, but that if he had, he would not have been there for a long time.

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We would like to offer our sympathies to his family and we understand, as all of us do who have children, that tremendous bond of love and affection that he had for his children. To be sadly taken away so early in his life is something that must be extremely difficult for the family to cope with, and we offer them our deepest sympathy.

MR P.B. WATSON (Albany) [2.40 pm]: I am the last of the Gallop's half-back line to speak this afternoon. I brought in our half-back line T-shirt today—I think I am the only person from that half-back line who can still fit into it! We had these T-shirts made up and there was a great photo in *The Sunday Times* of Geoff Gallop putting his shirt on, except that his stomach was hanging out. I have a copy of that photo in my office, which I will cherish forever. Being on the half-back line, I know how the new members in the area where we sat feel. When we came into Parliament, it was all new for us and we were called “the cabbage patch” and everything like that, I think by Matt Birney. We used to cop it all the time so we thought that we would get a bit of culture in—with Gallop's half-back line, no-one would get past us! As the member for Kalgoorlie said, we were a bit of a combined, rough sort of a group, but Paulie was the one who was the stabiliser. I used to interject a lot—not that I do now—and if I got out of hand, Paulie would be the one who would say, “Watto! That's enough.” It was like listening to a schoolteacher: I would just shut up, especially when Paulie was in the chair. There were pretty fiery times, late nights and things like that, but Paul would just stand and that was it—everyone would simply shut up and Parliament would go on.

Paulie loved the Parliament. He would sit in this place day in, day out, even during the all-nighters, because he just loved the process of Parliament. I can still remember Paulie's speech about organ donation. Was that the speech the member for Bassendean helped him with when he was —

Mr M.P. Whitely: The 90-second.

Mr P.B. WATSON: It was the 90-second statement when Paulie was talking about organ donations; he was so emotional that he could not get it out.

He loved his family. I got into trouble one day because, as often happens on the half-back line, my mind started to wander, and I was not concentrating on what was going on. Paul said, “Have a look at this photo in this magazine.” I said, “She looks really nice” and he belted me over the ear and said, “That's my daughter!” As the member for Mindarie said, Paulie just had this wicked sense of humour. I thank the member for Kalgoorlie for organising the opportunity for us to say goodbye to Paulie. Paulie was very sick when he came here and it was great to see all the people who came—the Clerk and people from both sides of the house; people from 2001. Matt Birney and I think Jamie Edwards were there. The respect that people from both sides of the house had for Paulie was shown on that day.

I hope that when I leave Parliament, I have the same respect of both sides of the house and of the staff that Paulie had. Gim, Peter, Lara and Rebecca, you are his legacy and you will live on and we will see him as you live on in the future. I would like to say: Paulie, we are going to miss you, mate. I give my great condolences to Gim and the family.

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys — Leader of the House) [2.44 pm]: I would like to add my personal condolences to the motion today. I like to think that Paul and I were friends, not just colleagues in this house. It is not very common that members on opposite sides of the house feel such a kinship with each other, and I think not only I, but also every other member on this side of the house had that feeling about Paul. Paul and I shared an outside interest—outside politics and outside of Parliament—and we would very often talk about that outside interest, which he was very, very keen on.

Paul was a person who I think was one of the fairest people in Parliament; he never had a bad word to say about anybody, which is very rare in this place, I have to say. I had the privilege of serving on the Procedure and Privileges Committee with Paul for a period of four years, and during that time we had to carry out some very, very difficult inquiries that were to a great extent unprecedented in this Parliament. I must say that Paul was one of the fairest people on that committee, and I think Paul did his job in a very diligent and a very fair way. He certainly earned my respect, not just in that forum, but also in many other ways.

It has been said that Paul was an extremely good Acting Speaker. I would go further than that and say that he was one of the best Acting Speakers I have seen in the 17 years that I have been in this house. He was totally unbiased. He would pull up his own members, sometimes more often than he would pull up opposition members. He had a presence in the chair. It was not just his stature; it was the inner self of Paul Andrews. I think it has been mentioned that if there was a problem in the house and members were making too much noise, interjecting or being rude to one another, which often happens, all Paul would do was simply stand and look around, and everybody just went quiet. He did not have to call anybody to order. He never threw anybody out of the house. I

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do not believe he ever called anybody to order for a first, second or third time. He had a presence in the chair that commanded respect. The reason he was shown that respect was that he was respected for being, I suggest, one of the best Acting Speakers we have ever had. He was one of the fairest and most unbiased people we have had in the chair as Acting Speaker. When somebody behaves in that way, he gets the respect of every member.

Paul was a great person to talk with. I know for a fact that he did not always agree with some of the things that the Labor Party did at the time, and he would express his concerns to me confidentially in the courtyard of Parliament House. Conversations that take place in the courtyard are never repeated in this place, and I would never break that confidence. Paul conducted himself with enormous integrity in every aspect of his political and parliamentary career, and I think that is another reason he was shown so much respect by everybody. He was a fair person who wanted to do the best job possible not only in this house, but also in his electorate. I know that he felt that way because we often spoke about his electorate, the concerns he had for the area and the way he tried to help people. Paul always tried to help people.

We were members of the Procedure and Privileges Committee for a very tough four years. Apart from the inquiries the committee carried out, there were a lot of extremely interesting and essential matters that the committee had to deal with. Unfortunately, Mr Speaker, the former Speaker who was chair of that committee was not the most generous person in the world when it came to allowing the committee to take trips around Australia or even abroad. Paul and I sometimes suggested that we could learn and benefit a lot if we went somewhere. Paul had the benefit of travelling to China and I know he enjoyed it very much. Unfortunately, the former Speaker was not of a mind to allow his committee to travel, so Paul and I were members of a travel-less committee for four years, which was a great disappointment to Paul and me and, indeed, other members of the committee. Notwithstanding that, we did the job we had to do. Paul did a wonderful job on that committee. He gave all matters that came before the committee a fair hearing. He did not express a party political point of view; he expressed a committee member's position.

We have always said in this house that working on a committee is probably one of the best things that a member who is not a minister can do, because members make friends even with people on the opposite side of the house and with different political beliefs. When members are on a committee, they work as a unique entity and politics very rarely comes into play. Members tend to make friends and learn more about their colleagues in Parliament, and they can go forward with that. I suggest that that happened with Paul and me, as it would, I suggest, with every member of Parliament who serves on a committee. Paul was not only a great member of this Parliament and a great Acting Speaker; in simple terms, he was just a good bloke. I pass on my sincere condolences to all of Paul's family.

MR M. MCGOWAN (Rockingham) [2.49 pm]: I, too, pass on my regards to Paul's family who are in the Speaker's gallery today. As members have said, he was a great family man, and his family are here today. He always spoke very highly of his family and was very proud of his family. He was also a fine parliamentarian. Paul understood the Parliament. He was not an attacking person in Parliament. He was not one who raised his voice. He was not one who threw around accusations. He was not someone who was aggressively partisan in the Parliament. But he was considered.

Paul used to sit on the corner over there in the Gallop and Carpenter governments. Paul was always present in the Parliament and listened to debates. When he made a contribution, his contribution was considered about whatever issues were in question. He did not provoke interjection from the other side. He did not provoke hostility. He did not provoke any sort of disagreement. He normally provoked nodding from people around the Parliament about what he was saying. It was a lesson to me that Paul engendered respect in the house by his demeanour and by his actions.

As members have said, Paul was a very good Acting Speaker—he would rise to his feet and not say a word. Often Speakers yell and try to get control of the house by the loudness of their voice. He took the opposite approach. He took the approach of gaining control by saying nothing. It was amazing how quickly silence arrived through the approach of saying nothing. He just looked around the Parliament and, suddenly, control would be restored. He was good at it.

Paul appreciated being a member of Parliament—people do not always. He understood the whole idea of being elected by 30 000 of his peers. Representing his constituents in the Parliament was a great privilege and a great honour. In professional terms, I do not think I would be wrong in saying that he thought the highlight of his professional career was walking into this room and being a part of this place.

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It would be fair to say that it was not a good experience for Paul to be defeated in the last election. He was only just defeated. But that was not a reflection on him, and I told him so at a meeting I had with him subsequent to the election. It was one of those things that sometimes happen. Political careers end, and that sometimes comes about unexpectedly. That was one of the things that happened. Post the last election, Paul expressed to me a desire to come back at some future point. He so enjoyed, understood and respected the role that he played in this place that he was keen to come back, but, unfortunately, that did not happen.

Members have reflected upon Paul’s contribution to the issue of organ donation. Paul took up an issue that was important to him through personal experience. Through taking up that issue, he made a lot of lives better. He actually saved people’s lives in Western Australia. Not many of us, if any, can say that. Through Paul’s personal commitment to an issue, he saved the lives of people who have suffered. That is an attribute that his family will be able to live on with—that is, the knowledge that other people have lived because of the cause that Paul took forward.

Paul was good at sport. I did not know about his Gaelic football experiences that other members have referred to, but I knew he was good at taekwondo! One day in the courtyard he performed a karate kick at my head, and missed by only a couple of inches, to demonstrate to me his prowess in that field! I found it somewhat frightening because, whilst a large man, he moved with extraordinary speed and his foot flashed past my face—with his shoe on, I might add. If it had connected, it would not have been good! He had a prowess in sport that I did not realise until that moment, and I did not know about the Gaelic football contribution. Paul was obviously interested in and good at sport.

He also had a great interest in racing and trotting. He was one of the most prominent supporters of trotting in Western Australia. I went to the trots with him a few times. He knew everything. He knew all the personalities, he knew all the horses, he knew the drivers—he knew everything about it. He was a great advocate for that industry. I am sure that they also respect his contribution in that regard.

Paul’s health was a sad business. I used to go to him some days when he sat opposite and say, “Hello, how are you today?” He used to say to me, “I am terrible.” I would ask why he did not go home, and he would say, “I’ve got a role to play. I have got to do my job.” He would remain in the Parliament but sound terrible. I asked him how bad he was, and he said, “If you can think of the worst hangover you have ever had, that is what I am going through.” He said, “It is day in, day out.” Yet he would come in to this place, participate, play his role and take part in debates. He would often tell me that he had been outside throwing up. It was hard and unfair. Paul had a very unfair row to hoe for many years. I know that Gim donated a kidney to Paul, which was a demonstration of the love between them. As I say, he had a hard row to hoe, and I do not know how he did it, to be frank. Most people would never have gone as far and fought for their life as long as Paul did, but he obviously loved his life and his career and, more than that, he loved his family. From me and my family, may I pass on to Paul’s family our respect and regard for what he has done, and I thank them for giving him to us.

MR A.P. O’GORMAN (Joondalup) [2.57 pm]: I came into Parliament in 2001, at the same time as Paul Andrews. Shane Hill and I used to sit at the back behind the half-back line. We started calling Paul “Big Paulie” because he was quite an impressive size of a man. When he stood from the Speaker’s chair to get control in this chamber, I think every member recognised how big a man he was, not only in stature but also in character. We saw that when he made his maiden speech. He was brought to tears, as were many members in this house. I think that was showing us what was to come during his time in this place.

Most of us come into this place with the impression that we are going to make a difference. I think “Big Paulie” made a big difference. He made a difference right across Western Australia to people’s attitudes towards transplants. He made a difference for me when he introduced me to the Transplant Australia people, who happened to operate quite extensively in my electorate. I met people from infants to very senior citizens who had transplants at various times. He impressed upon me the urgency of getting legislation through this place to make transplants much easier. We all know Jim McGinty. He is not the easiest man to convince of something, but “Big Paulie” convinced Jim McGinty that this was the way to go. Jim McGinty pushed legislation through this house with Paul right at his back pushing him all the way, making sure that it got through.

Paul also had a number of other colleagues who came into this place at the same time as he did. I have spoken to some of them in recent days. They have asked me to make comments on their behalf. With your indulgence, Mr Speaker, I hope I will be permitted to do that. Dianne Guise, the former Deputy Speaker, wanted just to say how much she valued Paul for his role as Acting Speaker. As we have heard today, he was a stickler for the protocols and procedures of Parliament. She said that she particularly enjoyed working with him on the Procedure and

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Privileges Committee. She said that people could always rely on Paul to be fair and that they could always have a chat with him about any problems they were having in their own life.

Shane Hill is another great fan of “Big Paulie”. He said that he was a great mate and that they had done many campaigns together in Pearce and Avon, as we heard earlier. Shane related to me this morning the time they were out doorknocking in Pearce. Both of them rocked up to a house with a fairly long, meandering pathway to its front door. As they put their hand on the gate a dog came charging out. That was the end of that doorknocking for them. They took off fairly quickly! Members know that quite often ministers visit regional electorates and make the front page of the local newspaper. Shane said that Paul was one of the few backbenchers who would make the front page. When Paul visited Geraldton, he would take up the whole of the front page of *The Geraldton Guardian*, again talking about transplants and making sure that people were aware of transplants and organ donation.

Judy Hughes has spoken to me—she is now travelling around South America. She had great respect for Paul. Like me, Judy was an Acting Speaker and both of us, at different times when we were coming into the role of Acting Speaker, sat with Paul and asked how we were going to control a bunch of egotistical politicians who thought their view was the only view. He said, “You don’t have to do anything. The chair does it all. You stand up, be quiet, and they will shut up. You don’t have to shout; the chair has the power.” That is the way Paulie put it across to us.

Personally, Paulie and I had similar families. We each have two daughters and a son, and many a time we sat in the chamber discussing our children and what they were doing with their lives—going through university, the part-time jobs they had et cetera. I often heard about the girls working in the pizza shop and running that business for the gentleman who owned it.

Paulie was a great inspiration to all of us in this place. I am proud to have served with him and to have been advised by Paul on many aspects. He was a great man, and we should never forget him.

DR G.G. JACOBS (Eyre — Minister for Water) [3.01 pm]: I support this condolence motion, and on a personal note tell the house what a privilege it was to have known Paul Andrews. I think that the best way to describe Paul is that he was a lovely man. I came into politics, in opposition, in 2005, and I first met Paul when he was on the Joint Standing Committee on Delegated Legislation. Other than the rapport that we immediately established, he provided very wise, considered and balanced advice, and, as many people have described today, this advice was provided not along party lines but through personal rapport.

The lesson for me, particularly, was the man’s resilience and his resolve. Very clearly there were times that he was clearly very unwell, and under those circumstances he carried on. Like the Minister for Health, I was privileged to share some of Paul’s intimate medical details and experiences, as described by the Minister for Health, and that has been a great lesson for me. I think we are all better people for knowing Paul. I certainly am, through the experiences that I have had with Paul. Both Kathryn and I send Gim and Paul’s family our condolences, and say thank you very much for sharing him with us.

MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie-Preston) [3.03 pm]: I also rise to support the condolence motion. Like many others in this place I met Paul for the first time when he came to Parliament. I was running a week late coming into this place as votes were still being counted in my electorate, and one of the first people to say “Settle down; you’ll be right” was Paul. I certainly needed that. I asked him many times for guidance along the way. He was a steady sort of bloke, but a very strong person underneath. I do not think many in here would forget the emotional maiden speech in which he thanked the many people who had given him life at that time to be able to carry on after his transplant. His speech really stuck in my mind and I have since thought about the issue of donors and how we go about pursuing that line.

Over the years, as we got to know each other—we also travelled a couple of times together—we talked about our families. He was very proud of his family, which has been mentioned by other members. I learnt how his son had been bowling down the leg side instead of directly to the wicket. We also had secret men’s business, with me having four daughters and Paul having two. We talked about the blokes who did not knock on the door and those who did. In the end it was decided between us that it was easier to let them come through the front door than chasing them over the back fence. That demonstrates Paul’s attitude. It was with huge pride that he spoke about his children and his wife.

We often talk about somebody having a presence. Paul definitely had a presence when we visited China with Alan Carpenter. We went to look at the Great Wall and I am sure that on that day everybody in China was there.

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The temperature was about 40 degrees and we walked with Gim up the great big hill and to the turrets, through which we barely fitted, and then we decided it was time to go down the hill. I come back to some people having a presence—here was Paul, a large man amongst the Chinese, with his shirt undone walking straight down the middle. We actually thought he might die then because it was so hot, but, rightly or wrongly, he was going to complete that walk. All that Gim and I were worried about was that if he fell over who would pick him up. To see Paul achieve what he wanted to do that day demonstrates the mark of the man. He went to the top and walked all the way down. He achieved what he wanted to do, and that is exactly what Paul did throughout his life. Talking about achievements, one of Paul's achievements was becoming a politician. He played football at a high level, including in the south west for Harvey-Brunswick.

Paul grew up with his family and gave people advice, and that says a lot about him. I could quite easily mouth the words, but I mean it with all sincerity that he was a great bloke. Paul took time out to give people the time of the day. Members know that in this game we have bad and good days. Paul could pick when a person was having a bad day and it was no big deal for him to wander up and say, "How's it going?" The person would have a whinge and when Paul felt that that person was feeling better, he would leave. He had done his job for the day without imposing on that person. That is the presence that Paul had here. His presence will be felt for some time because of that. We always compare politicians, Speakers, Deputy Speakers and Acting Speakers and Paul's names will always come up as a politician we hold in high esteem.

To Paul's family and his children, my sincere condolences. It was my pleasure to have known him, and his legacy will live on not only in his family but also in this house. I support the motion.

MRS C.A. MARTIN (Kimberley) [3.08 pm]: I add my comments to the motion, which I support. When I first met him Paul looked at me and said, "Trouble". I do not know why. From that day until the last day I saw him he called me Carol Anne. The only person who had ever called me Carol Anne previously was my father and that was just before I copied one from him. I do not know where his comment came from, but that is what he said.

When we were travelling on a committee he would tell me what to do. He knew what the job entailed, but I did not. Paul was great in the way he looked after me. I acknowledge that it was in his interests to do that because if I mucked it up he would wear it as well. We went to Melbourne looking into the roles and responsibilities of people in the health service. As always, on this particular occasion Paulie was walking behind me. I had a really bad hair day, which sometimes happens. The wind came up as I was standing on the kerb and my hair immediately covered my face. I thought I would get my hair out of my face as I was about to take a step off the kerb. I felt myself being lifted off the ground and placed onto the bitumen just as a truck missed me. Paul said, "You owe me one", and I did. Actually, I owed him a lot. On so many occasions his presence provided for me a haven—just his being there. He had a sixth sense. If something was not right with me, he would know and he would talk to me about it. He would say, "What's going on?" Of course I would tell him and he would scratch his head and say, "It's okay, this will work." He did things for me that were amazing. For example, he introduced me to a group in his electorate he was working with and said, "Please don't go back this weekend; I want you to meet these people." When I asked him why, he said, "They're Aboriginal people. I said, "Look, I'm not the member for Aboriginals." He said, "Hey, whoa, I want you to meet these people; will you do it?" So I went with him and found that those people were my relatives. I had not known who they were. That was the sort of thing he would do because he thought it was the right thing to do. It was just amazing. These people were running the Noongar Patrol and I had not seen some of them since I was very small.

That was the sort of thing Paulie would do. Sometimes when he was in the chair at, say, three o'clock in the morning, I would be arcing up because at that hour we get a bit testy and a bit bored. After taking the cricket bat and ball from the boys outside and coming back into the chamber—they were trying to take it from me again—I decided to arc up to keep them occupied. Paulie stood up and everything just went silent, as it does. Of course I was still arcing up and he said, "Member for Kimberley, please do not force me to eject the first Indigenous woman elected to an Australian Parliament, while I'm in the chair; I don't want to be known for that." He is not, and will never be known for anything like that. He never ejected anyone; he was one of the great statesmen of this place. People who knew him knew his humour and knew that he cared. He knew his job. There were some among us he protected a little more than others. As I said, he did save my life. Thank you, "Bowls", for allowing us to say goodbye while Paulie was still with us and, Gim, thank you for sharing him with us.

MR P. ABETZ (Southern River) [3.11 pm]: I also support the Premier's condolence motion. Of all the people who have spoken, I guess I am the one who has known Paul for the shortest period. I first met him during the election campaign last year and I found him to be very gracious and a real gentleman. We spoke only briefly but

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he struck me as a person of depth and integrity. As I campaigned during the election for the seat of Southern River, what struck me was that anyone who Paul had done anything for or with spoke extremely positively and highly of him. During the election campaign I did not hear one negative word spoken about him by any of his constituents. I did not bump into him very much at all during the election campaign, but when I contacted Paul after the election to extend my condolences on losing his seat, he was extremely gracious about it and said, “Look, I won this seat from Monica Holmes. I have had two terms and really enjoyed my time in Parliament; I hope you will enjoy it as much as I did.” From what others have said, that is perhaps a reflection of the kind of person he was. I think the quality of the man has been attested to by many who knew him far better than I did. I wanted to rise on behalf of the electorate of Southern River—albeit the electorate is different from the one Paul served because the boundaries have changed significantly—and put on the record our condolences. To Gim-Hoon and the children, we extend our sympathy and God’s blessing for the future.

MR T.G. STEPHENS (Pilbara) [3.13 pm]: To Gim, Lara, Rebecca and Peter, the condolence motions in this Parliament are generally fairly short, but already this motion has taken much longer than is the shared experience of most of us. I suppose, in part, it is a testimony to the warm feelings that all of us have for Paul. As has been mentioned, he arrived in this place in 2001 with that large group of new Labor members. When he arrived I was leader of the upper house and we were looking at who would be in the new ministry. For me, the arrival of that large batch of members in this place was a bit of a puzzle. It was not a puzzle just for me, but even for our then leader, Geoff Gallop. Amongst the members of the 2001 class there was Tony O’Gorman, Tony Dean and Tony McRae, and most of us, in a shorthand way, used to refer to the new members as one of the Tonys. Paul used to take great exception to the fact that we had not really got to distinguish this new group of colleagues who had arrived. At one stage I remember the Premier referring to Paul as Tony, and Paul said, “He hasn’t even got my name right!” It was not a mistake that lasted for very long. Paul distinguished himself and his personality in that class very quickly.

In my job, I have noticed that in various parts of the state people introduce themselves to me as former students of Paul from Lumen Christi College, and they speak of him with enormous affection in that role. I am not used to people singing the praises of their schoolteachers. It is not something that I have ever been greatly driven to do. But many of his students seem to have wanted to come out and introduce themselves as students of Paul, for whom they had great affection.

As we know, Paul was a great values MP. He was a man who was driven by values. That was evidenced in his maiden speech and in many of his other speeches. In the part of his maiden speech that I have just been reminding myself about are those words that he used to talk about family, and his observations of his electorate and his concerns for an electorate in which there was not on display the connection of parents, in particular fathers, with their families and particularly with their children. When we attended the church service for Paul, I learnt more about the explanation for that and exactly the sort of gap that he must have felt in his own life, and why he was able to observe how much of a challenge that is for communities that are stripped of fathers. I sense that in Paul’s own political contribution, he made sure that a value was placed on ensuring that families were able to find time to be with one another, as he did in his own life, which is testimony to the strength that has been on display in this family during this period.

That church service at Mt Claremont was, for me, a bit of an eye-opener for a number of reasons, one of which was clearly the guiding hands behind it. In that service, a few of us could not help but notice the selection of the last hymn. Paul’s coffin was carried out of the church to a hymn that resonates for people with that faith connection that Paul had—that is, the hymn called *Faith of Our Fathers*. It is an amazing battle cry of people of the Catholic faith. To have selected that hymn for when the coffin was being carried out of the church was quite extraordinary. I was refreshing my memory of the one verse that, for me, had more resonance for Paul than most of the others did. It is —

Faith of our fathers, we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife;
And preach Thee, too, as love knows how
By kindly words and virtuous life.

The hymn is about many other things also, but it is about that, and Paul was certainly a person whose life, with friend and foe, displayed love and virtue that are unsurpassed.

MR J.E. McGRATH (South Perth) [3.18 pm]: I rise to speak in support of the condolence motion for Paul Andrews. I was elected to this place in 2005. I had not met Paul Andrews until then. When I came in, my party

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was in opposition and the Gallop government was in power. Paul was a backbencher. As we are finding now, when a member's party is in government, backbenchers do not get to say much. However, we were on the other side in opposition, doing our best to unravel the government and find flaws in the legislation that was coming through.

The one thing I noticed about Paul Andrews was that whenever he got up to speak—he and Bob Kucera often spoke on legislation; Paul used to sit over there—he spoke from experience. He was very measured and he sometimes had the ability to convince members that the government's legislation was not as bad as we thought it was and that the world would not come to an end because of it. He had the ability to do that without raising his voice. As someone said earlier, he did not attract interjections because he spoke in a very measured way. I often had conversations with Paul outside the chamber. We talked about legislation and what was happening in the world, among other things. I found him to be not only a very knowledgeable person, but also, as has been pointed out, someone who spoke with the voice of reason.

I used to see Paul and Gim at the racing industry functions that were held when the member for Rockingham was the Minister for Racing. The minister could not attend all the functions and he sent Paul along as his representative. Paul delighted to go along. As the member for Rockingham said earlier, Paul was a great advocate for the racing industry and for the harness racing industry in particular. When there was the threat of Betfair coming to Western Australia, which looked like it would have a huge impact on the racing industry, Paul spoke at length in the debate on that legislation because he cared for the people who were involved in the sport. He had a human side to him. He understood that that issue was about people's livelihoods. I could tell from reading his maiden speech that he was concerned about the people in his community who were doing it tough. That was a mark of the person. When the member for Rockingham had moved on to higher office and taken on other portfolios, Paul lost the gig of going to the trotting shows and on a couple of occasions he expressed to me that he missed representing the government at the racing industry functions.

Paul was a decent person and an outstanding member of Parliament. As has been said by other members in this place, he really appreciated the role that Parliament plays. He was very proud of the processes and procedures of Parliament. When he was in the chair as Acting Speaker, he was very mindful of the fact that this house had to be run properly under the standing orders. Most members understood that. When he was in the chair this place was a lot more orderly than it was when other Acting Speakers were in the chair. On behalf of my wife, Karen, I extend our sympathies and condolences to Gim and Paul's three children. He was an outstanding person.

MR W.J. JOHNSTON (Cannington) [3.23 pm]: I join with members to speak on the condolence motion for Paul Andrews on behalf of not only myself, but also my wife, Hon Kate Doust. I did not serve in Parliament with Paul, but my wife did. It is important to go back to 1985 when my wife, Kate, first met Gim and Paul through a mutual friend, Kim Chegwidde. Kim and Paul were teachers at St Norbert College in Queens Park. I also pass on to Paul's family the condolences of Desirée Grzenda-Day, who is the principal of St Norbert College. I spoke to her on Thursday about Paul's passing. Kate got to know Paul and Gim very well because Kim and Kate were friends sharing a house while Paul and Kim were teaching. Paul was a regular guest at their place and they got to know him and his wife and family very well.

I first became friends with Paul in the mid-1990s when my mother was experiencing kidney failure. I talked to Paul on a number of occasions. Right until Paul's passing, one of the things that he and I would talk about was that shared family experience. Fortunately for me, I was not affected directly.

I want to retell the tale of what happened when Paul ran for the seat of Pearce in 1988. As a number of members have commented, Paul was prepared to take on the hard jobs of running for seats that the Labor Party did not have any expectation of winning. As the assistant state secretary, I worked with Paul on that campaign. Paul was the sort of guy who could get a small group of people together to do amazing things. I particularly note the involvement of Hon Nick Griffiths, who was the leader of that little team, and Phil Kelly. I will not retell the whole tale because it is probably better done over a beer in the bar than in Parliament. Paul picked up two nicknames during that campaign: one was "Pretty Boy" and the other one I am not going to use. It was a real mark of the man that he was able to work so hard. He got no reward for the work he was doing. He was doing it because he loved the Australian Labor Party and he was committed to public service. I was very happy to help Paul with his preselection in 2000 and with his election campaign in 2001. He was a good friend of people that I consider friends in the Shop, Distributive and Allied Employees Association of WA. I know that the secretary of the SDA, Joe Bullock, was a huge supporter of Paul. I also know how much Joe and the shop assistants' union felt the loss of Paul both to this Parliament and now to this world.

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Paul's work as an MP has been well recorded by others who shared his experiences, which I was not privileged to do. I will not go into that. As state secretary, I was very pleased to help Paul with his preselection in 2005.

On behalf of my family and I, I want to say how sad we are at his passing. I close by saying how pleased Kate was to be able to catch up with Paul, Gim and their family so recently with other people from St Norbert from times past and from university days. I know that it meant a great deal to Kate, and I trust that it also meant a great deal to Paul.

MRS M.H. ROBERTS (Midland) [3.28 pm]: It is quite clear at this stage of the condolence debate that Paul Andrews was a most impressive man who had a remarkable impact on the lives of people around him. "Impressive" was the adjective used when I first heard of Paul in about 1994 or 1995 when Paul had a Chinese meal with the late Jack Marks, amongst other people. Jack commented to me that he had met a most impressive man whose name was Paul Andrews. I think he also met Gim at this dinner. He said, "He is someone whom the Labor Party should be picking up and recruiting into Parliament. He is one of us, he is someone of enormous talent, someone with a deep commitment to justice and someone with a huge social conscience and a sense of fairness. He holds very similar values to us and he could make a great contribution to Parliament on behalf of the Labor Party." After that, Paul nominated to be our candidate for Pearce in 1996, a task that he took on again in 1998. I had the opportunity of working with Paul, along with former President of the Legislative Council Hon Nick Griffiths, Lyn Jager, Shane Hill and others on those two campaigns for Pearce. Paul was relentless in that task, as other members have said, without much prospect of winning the seat, and certainly without any prospect of advantaging himself. Nonetheless, he committed himself to that task and he committed his family to that task. He also committed himself and his family to the task of assisting me win the seat of Midland in December 1996 between those two Pearce campaigns. I again got to enjoy Paul's company, and he was again relentless in the task of assisting me to be elected to the seat of Midland.

Paul Andrews had an enormous sense of social justice and fairness. He was a highly principled person, with high moral standards, but unlike some people who are highly principled and have high moral standards, he was not judgemental. He maintained a very strong sense of humour. The style of humour most often employed by Paul was very much self-deprecating; although there may have been some message or point, his humour was often directed at himself; Paul would often make fun of himself or make some self-deprecating remark. I will always remember Paul Andrews as a good and decent man who had an enormous impact on my life, the lives of his family members, members of Parliament and members of the community.

MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn) [3.31 pm]: I rise to give my support to the Premier's condolence motion. I also pass on condolences to Gim, Lara, Peter and Rebecca from me, my wife, Vivienne, and from Alex and Henry.

We have heard from various members about how much Paul loved the parliamentary process, and he truly did; he talked about it often. He was a great contributor to debate because he was clear, concise, fluent and logical in his comments, and all members who remember his contributions to debate would agree with that assessment. I think his greatest speech was the one he gave on the organ donation legislation. It was a brilliant speech—one of the best speeches given by any parliamentarian in any debate in this house, because it obviously came from the heart and from his knowledge of the trauma and tribulations involved in undergoing the organ transplant process.

Paul was an avid defender of the Westminster system. A highlight of his parliamentary career was the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association trip to Westminster, about which he talked at length after coming back from London. For him, that was one of the highlights of his career as a parliamentarian.

On a lighter note, another love of Paul's was food! Paul loved food, and he loved afternoon tea. As you know, Mr Speaker, afternoon tea is a very dangerous affair, because it tends to go straight to the waistline. Despite chiding Paul on many occasions and saying, "Look, mate, you'd better go easy there", he would reply, "Yeah, I know—but I really love food!" He just could not stop himself, and as Gim knows, he stacked on a bit of weight after a time! That changed Paul's physical shape and contributed to his practising taekwondo in the courtyard of Parliament, as mentioned by the member for Rockingham. If the member for Rockingham remembers correctly, we were one day all sitting around teasing Paul because he had grown a bit bigger after several months as a member of Parliament. When he tried to convince us that he was a black belt in taekwondo, many of us did not believe him—until he performed a taekwondo move and nearly hit the head of the member for Rockingham. Of course, everyone sitting around the table was hoping that he would hit the member for Rockingham, simply to see what it looked like! Goodness me, a taekwondo specialist!

We have also heard that he was a man of learning, a teacher, and that he had an interest in science. As a parliamentary secretary, I had responsibility for carriage of the Gene Technology Bill, and that was fairly

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complex legislation simply because of its technical aspects. I could not really get anyone to help me speak on the bill because no-one really had a great deal of interest in gene technology or a willingness to support me, except Paul. Paul said, “Yeah, sure; I’ll speak with you on this bill.” He did an amazing amount of research on the science behind the gene technology revolution, particularly as it applies to plants and animals, which is what the bill dealt with. He spoke on the bill with incredible knowledge and great capacity, after a very short period in which to carry out his research. It was a real example of his ability to undertake significant research in a complex area, absorb the information and deliver it in the house. In that respect he was a fantastic parliamentarian.

The other point about Paul that I have been asked to highlight is his impersonation of Geoff Gallop! I do not know whether any members on the other side got to see his impersonation of Geoff Gallop, but it was fantastic—not to the point that we actually thought he was the Premier, but it was certainly a reflection of his sense of humour. He was a great guy and he had a great sense of humour.

Other members have already reflected on his stoicism and courage. He continued to come to Parliament when he was very, very unwell. He knew he was unwell, as did all members, but we all admired his unbelievable courage and determination to carry on in his role as a parliamentarian by just turning up every day that Parliament was sitting and contributing to debate. He really was a man of great courage and someone to be admired. I know that Gim and Paul’s family will miss him terribly; we will miss him terribly, too. He was a great man and a great parliamentarian.

MR J.H.D. DAY (Kalamunda — Minister for Planning) [3.38 pm]: I will make some brief comments about the late Paul Andrews from my fairly limited but memorable experience. There have been many references to Paul having been a very decent, proper and fair man, and although I only knew him since he was elected to Parliament in 2001, that was also my observation of him.

I will refer to one incident in particular to demonstrate Paul’s qualities. I recall that when he was performing the role of Acting Speaker in 2001—maybe 2002—he made a ruling that affected me in some way; he probably stopped me from speaking, or did not give me the call. I do not remember the specific details, but my particular recollection is that he rang me at my electorate office the following Friday to express his regret and to apologise for the decision he made on that occasion. It was not at all a major issue and it had not crossed my mind any further, but his actions in calling me at my electorate office in Kalamunda the following Friday certainly indicated that he was someone with a great sense of fairness and propriety, and that he was very keen to ensure that he did the right thing in all circumstances. That is a particular memory of Paul that I have, and I think it demonstrates what many other members have expressed in other ways.

I extend my condolences to Paul’s family. All his family can be very proud of the contribution he made to public life and the community of Western Australia.

MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [3.40 pm]: I rise to support the Premier’s condolence motion in memory of Paul Andrews, our departed colleague. In talking about Paul in recent times and in listening to this debate today, I have come to feel very much as though I was robbed of the opportunity to get to know him better, and to benefit from his wisdom and friendship as much as many others in this place have. I envy the collegiate feeling and sense of camaraderie expressed and felt by those who have had the opportunity to enter this place as a group, particularly those who entered this place as a group in the company of Paul Andrews. Coming into this place in 2007 in a by-election was in some respects a lonely experience, and those who have entered this place through by-elections would understand what I mean. We do not have that opportunity to share the new experience and the challenges associated with entering Parliament for the first time with others who are going through the same experience. I say to Gim and Paul’s family that one of the people who went out of his way to extend the hand of friendship, advice and a friendly ear on many occasions was Paul Andrews. Until today’s debate I knew that we were both south west boys and grew up across the river from each other, but I did not know that we also both played for Harvey-Brunswick, that fine south west football club. I knew that we both went to Bunbury Senior High School, although about a decade apart. He was a friendly, honourable and mature presence in this place. Clearly we will all miss him, but nowhere near as much as his family will. I extend to them my condolences, and those of my wife, Gillian, and our two little boys, who met Paul, and thank them for sharing him with us.

The SPEAKER: I ask members to rise and support this motion by observing a minute’s silence.

Question passed, members standing.