

**SUPPLY BILL 2013**

*Second Reading*

Resumed from an earlier stage of the sitting.

**MR I.C. BLAYNEY (Geraldton)** [7.01 pm]: I will just conclude my remarks. I mentioned before the dinner break that on a recent visit to Adelaide I had hoped to visit the Holden car factory at Elizabeth, but unfortunately this was not possible; I understand the factory has not run tours for 10 years. I am a strong supporter of the Australian car industry and I hope that it survives. I proudly drive an LPG–ULP Commodore built in Adelaide. I urge the Holden factory to restore factory visits. I suppose it would be a good way for taxpayers to see where their dollars are going. Hopefully, Holden and other manufacturers will begin to get their heads above water as the value of the dollar is beginning to decline. I say to them: “Please hold on; many of us were brought up to the chant of football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden cars!” I hope that it stays like that forever.

Another visit I made was to Monarto Zoo, which is an open plains zoo east of Adelaide and quite close to the Murray River. I understand that there have been proposals in the past for Western Australia to have an open plains zoo, probably out around Northam. I think that would be a fantastic facility for Western Australia to have. A visit to Adelaide would not be complete without visiting Wang Wang and Funi, the pandas that live at Adelaide Zoo. Once again, I would love to see Perth starting to work towards acquiring pandas for Perth Zoo; they are a fantastic tourist attraction.

**Mr P. Papalia:** Pandas?

**Mr I.C. BLAYNEY:** Pandas, yes. The zoos do not actually get to keep them; the Chinese lend them to other zoos, but the zoos have the pleasure of their company.

**Mr F.M. Logan:** For how long?

**Mr I.C. BLAYNEY:** I do not know; that is up to the Chinese.

The week spent in Adelaide was the longest time I have spent outside my electorate for more than two years. I suggest that it would be a worthwhile visit for anybody. As I said before, I encourage us all to travel at home because our tourist industry needs the revenue. I thank all members for listening to me.

**MR F.M. LOGAN (Cockburn)** [7.03 pm]: I was just making some points on what I should be speaking about on the Supply Bill tonight and I have come up with a number of things, so I will proceed with this list before me.

First of all, I want to talk about broken promises. Broken promises is a theme that seems to be very common in this house at the moment. It is a theme that seems to be running continuously through the Barnett government, but particularly at question time, when a number of broken promises have been raised by the opposition in terms of commitments made by the Liberal partner of the government.

[Quorum formed.]

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I thank the member for Mandurah, the Whip, for drawing your attention, Mr Acting Speaker, to the state of the house, given that I am on my feet and that I should have more than about three people listening to me!

I was talking about broken promises and how it is becoming all too much of a common theme with the Barnett coalition government. One broken promise that I want to refer to is a promise that was made in my own electorate of Cockburn in the lead-up to the election in 2008 when the then candidate for Jandakot, who is now the member for Jandakot and Minister for Corrective Services, promised a new 24-hour police station for the area around Cockburn Central. I think at that time he wanted the station to be located in the seat of Jandakot, but he argued the case for a 24-hour police station in the Cockburn Central district. To give the house a bit of an idea of the geography of Cockburn from a policing point of view, the area is within the Fremantle district and is serviced by the general police station in Fremantle. There is a police station in Murdoch very close to Fiona Stanley Hospital, as you would know, Mr Acting Speaker (Mr P. Abetz). There is also Cockburn Police Station, which is a small couple of houses on Rockingham Road in Spearwood. The next-closest police station from a servicing point of view is Kwinana, but those officers do not come north to Cockburn; they service the Rockingham regional district. The fastest growing area of Cockburn is the eastern sector around the freeway and the railway station. The suburbs of Atwell, Success, Aubin Grove, Hammond Park and the new suburb of Honeywood are rapidly expanding. Thousands of constituents have already moved into the seats of Jandakot and Cockburn, hence the argument that was made by the then candidate for Jandakot for a new police station in Cockburn. I do not think the candidate knew at the time that a block of land adjacent to Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre had already been set aside by the Western Australian Planning Commission for a new police station. I think he was unaware of that when he made the promise because he was arguing for a larger, 24-hour

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police station, which certainly would not have fitted onto that block of land, which still exists. That was more than four and a half years ago; in September, it will be five years ago. And what do we have for a police station? The promise, which as I said was made in 2008, was reiterated at the recent state election by the member for Jandakot. He reiterated the promise that a 24-hour police station is coming to Cockburn. It is now nearly five years since the promise was made. We have a nice picture of a police station on a sign that was erected two years ago with a great deal of fanfare by the then Minister for Police—now the member for Hillarys—along with the member for Jandakot; they had their photograph taken next to the sign, alongside a police car. The sign still exists. It is tucked down a little side alleyway and nobody can actually see it; people would have to go looking for it. That is all we have from a nearly five-year promise of a police station. I see the member for South Perth looking at me; I know how he feels. He is still waiting for a railway station that was promised even longer ago!

**Mr J.E. McGrath:** I am a very patient man.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Yes, very! The member for South Perth has to be a very, very patient man.

**Mr T.K. Waldron:** You have a nice surf club!

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** The Minister for Sport and Recreation has just mentioned the nice surf club—and we certainly have. It will open very soon, and I am sure the Minister for Sport and Recreation will be at the opening; I look forward to seeing him down there. I thank him once again for the contribution to that beautiful surf club.

But we are on policing, unfortunately, which is a pity because I have a feeling that with the forthcoming budget, we are probably unlikely to see a 24-hour police station in Cockburn in the near future. I have a feeling that project will be deferred. I am not too sure whether it will be deferred to the end of this term of government, but I have a very strong feeling that project will be deferred. That is a shame, because had the promise been made in a slightly different way, had the promise been made for a local police station only—the block of land is still available; it would have been a fraction of the price of a 24-hour regional police station—it would have been built by now. It would have been completed. I have a feeling that is not going to happen.

One of the other reasons it is not going to happen is that if the police station goes ahead in this term of government and is built on the site proposed by the member for Jandakot and the former Minister for Police, it will be in an unfortunate position. To get to the proposed police station, quite narrow roads—the hallmark of the new Cockburn Central—have to be gone along. The only possible way to get out from the new police station to service the area in an emergency would be to go onto the proposed new North Lake Road flyover, which will go over the freeway between North Lake Road and Armadale Road. The Treasurer is well aware of that piece of infrastructure, which seems to have grown in size and price since the minister had a quick look at it. It was going to cost, I think, about \$50 million to \$60 million. It is now somewhere in the region, because of the nature of the piece of infrastructure, of between \$110 million and \$140 million. I see that as another very large piece of infrastructure that may well be deferred for a significant period because of budgetary implications. That has already been outlined by the Treasurer. If that piece of infrastructure is deferred and the police station goes ahead, the police can go into the police station but they cannot get out in an emergency—well, they can, but they would have to sit in traffic waiting to get out. They would be stuck in Cockburn Central. For a major regional police hub, I just do not think that is going to happen; I just do not think the police are going to do that.

So we can see the complexity of the promise that was made. I think a valuable lesson for the member for Jandakot is not to promise things that cannot be delivered. This piece of infrastructure is sorely needed; people in the area need a police station.

**Mr P. Papalia:** That sounds familiar.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** The member for Warnbro is about to talk about Secret Harbour police station in a minute.

The people in Cockburn and the seat of Jandakot need a police station because it is a rapidly growing area. Had some humility been employed by the member for Jandakot and had he had further discussions with the council and his own colleagues, he may well have been able to get a police station up and running by now. That is not the case, and I have a feeling it never will be. I think we will be going to the next election in 2017 without a bridge and without a police station.

I do hope however, now that the Treasurer is back in this place—he also still has the role of Minister for Transport—that we will not see another broken promise with the railway station. That is not the Atwell railway station promised by Labor, but the Aubin Grove railway station as promised by the current government.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That wasn't an election commitment.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** It was an election promise.

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**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No; the funding was committed before the election.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Yes, absolutely. That is true; it was. But it was part of the government's election package, and it came two weeks after Labor committed to a railway station at what we were going to call Atwell. They are both in the same spot —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Yours had no parking.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** — but we were going to call the station Atwell. Two weeks later, the current government, as the party going to the election, announced that it would build the railway station, it would fund the railway station, and it would be called Aubin Grove. We have an awful lot of signs in Cockburn—not much action, but lots of signs. We have some very, very big signs on both sides of the freeway down there on Russell Road, and on the other side in Jandakot. They are enormous signs that happened to just appear before the writ; in fact, two days before the election writ.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** They are very informative signs.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Very informative signs that just happened to go up with “The state government announces” just before we went into the election proper.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** The same signs are at Kenwick station.

**Mr N.W. Morton:** They're very good signs.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Yes, I think we have a few—all advertising paid for by the taxpayer of WA —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Information program.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** — announcing a Liberal Party promise in what was then the forthcoming election. Those signs are on the north and south side of the freeway as well.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** They are very good signs.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** They are very good signs. A bit like the signs—in fact, no, Minister for Transport, they are better than the police station signs at Cockburn Central! They are much better because they are much bigger and there are more of them.

I just hope that we might get a railway station. I am hoping for the people of Atwell, Aubin Grove, Hammond Park and the lower part of Success that we get a railway station, not just the signs.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You will.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I am hoping we might even get a police station.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I might invite you to the opening of the railway station.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Not just the signs for a police station.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** If you're nice, I'll invite you to the opening of the railway station.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** That is very nice of the Minister for Transport. I just have this vision of me tied to the tracks and the Minister for Transport saying, “I'm glad you could make it”!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** In fact, what I might do is replace some of those photos at Cockburn with a photo of you!

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Fantastic! The Minister for Transport can put my signs up anywhere he likes; he knows that!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You know the ones at the station of the commuters?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** That is fantastic! Yes, I know; the minister can put any pictures of me around Cockburn—I am more than happy!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It would help with our peak hour crush!

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** The minister can put the state government logo on it if he likes as well!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It would keep the numbers down at peak hour!

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** There is a train station coming soon. It is a bit like waiting for a bus; there is a bus coming soon, just keep waiting!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, no. There are plenty of buses there.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Anyway, we are waiting. We will wait and see where that train station is coming.

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As the Treasurer wrestles with the state's finances, I hope it does not become a casualty of this or next year's budget. I hope it is not deferred. There is a time frame for the railway station. I hope that it is not one of the casualties of this year's budget—but we will see.

Finally, after a great many demands from the member for Mandurah, I have to talk about a very important place in my electorate to which not too many people go. I have spoken about it before; it is a wonderful spot.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** It is, but it's not well known.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** People should know about it, but they only get to hear about it a little because I speak about it quite regularly in this chamber. I refer to Mt Brown. Not many people know about Mt Brown. The Treasurer and I should walk up there sometime.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** To where?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** To Mt Brown. The member for Mandurah asked me whether one could drive to the top of Mt Brown.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Mal Brown?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** Mt Brown—not Mal Brown!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Mal Brown! You could drive up to him, but he'd knock your head off!

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** No, Mt Brown!

The member for Mandurah asked whether he could drive up Mt Brown. I said, no, that people used to be able to do so, but all the roads have been closed. One can certainly walk up Mt Brown. It is a beautiful spot.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Where is it?

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** It is a lovely spot in Wattleup. It is bisected by Rockingham Road and Cockburn Road. It is where Rockingham Road and Cockburn Road meet right by the Alcoa refinery. Looking back from the Alcoa refinery, one would see a hill rising into the clouds—that is Mt Brown, a sensational spot. The member for Mandurah has often requested a visit to my electorate to climb Mt Brown. I have suggested he should do so. It is a wonderful spot with great views. In all seriousness, the views are fantastic. From the top of Mt Brown there are views all the way back to Fremantle and over the river to North Fremantle. Looking the other way, one can virtually see over the top of Garden Island down towards Warnbro. From there I could look for a police station in Warnbro, but I know I would never see one.

**Mr P. Papalia:** I think you need an extension.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I will not ask for an extension because I think members in the chamber have probably had enough by now. I did promise the member for Mandurah that I would reflect on Mt Brown, and so I have. On a serious note, it is right behind the Australian Marine Complex. Had I not intervened before the 2001 election when I was working for the Australian Workers' Union, and after I became a member of Parliament representing Labor, to save the park surrounding Mt Brown, it would have been cut in two by the Rockingham–Fremantle expressway, which was destined to go straight through that park, which is one of the last remaining pieces of vegetation on the Perth coast. Up and down the coast, the last remaining piece of untouched vegetation—it reflects what Perth would have been like before it was developed for suburbs—is in the parks surrounding Mt Brown, which is part of Beeliar Regional Park. For that reason, I suggest that members visit the seat of Cockburn, because it has not only suburbs and industry, but also a beautiful series of wetlands. All we are looking for now is the police station that was promised five years ago, and, hopefully, a railway station to replace the Minister for Transport's huge signs in the area between Russell Road and the freeway. I look forward to attending the opening, Mr Treasurer.

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro) [7.25 pm]:** I will continue along with the theme established by the member for Cockburn about broken promises. There is plenty of opportunity to do so because of the amount of material that has accumulated, albeit in a short period of time. It is appropriate that the Treasurer is here and that we are debating the Supply Bill 2013. I will diverge from the Supply Bill at the outset to focus a little on my electorate and on some of the broken promises made to the people in my electorate, which I have previously mentioned in this place. I will mention them again because it is even more pertinent in light of what has happened in the electorate in recent times.

First, I will talk about broken promises in the transport portfolio. We received today a response to a question asked in the upper house about the transport portfolio and the electorate of Warnbro where it borders with the electorate of Mandurah. As I said a couple of speeches ago in this place, the question was a point of interest during the last election campaign as to whether the people in the southern and eastern suburbs of Rockingham and the northern suburbs of Mandurah numbered in the order of 50 000 or 60 000 people. It is a little difficult to

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establish that figure, because we can go only on combinations of projections from both cities. I would suggest that that is a conservative figure. In the order of 50 000 or 60 000 people live in the catchment of the vacuum of public transport that lies between Warnbro train station and Mandurah train station at the other end. In much the same way as they do so now, during the election campaign they were stuck in traffic on a daily basis. The question asked was: what would we do about that? WA Labor responded with a clear commitment, the costings of which were based on estimates of the cost for a train station at Paganoni Road in Karnup, midway between the Warnbro and Mandurah stations. It was costed by government agencies in documents that were handed to the Minister for Transport—which he ignored—that suggested that the next station on the line should be established at that point. Those documents identified the cost, and during the course of the campaign WA Labor made a commitment to allocate \$55 million in the fiscal year 2017–18 to commence construction of that station, with construction to be completed by 2019. It was a clear commitment of which the public and the electorates of Warnbro and Mandurah were notified—the station would open in 2019. The government chose to deceive the people of the electorates of Warnbro and Mandurah and suggested that it would match that commitment. In fact, the candidate for the Liberal Party was reported in the local newspaper as having made the commitment for a station at Paganoni Road. It was neither retracted nor refuted by the Liberal Party, or by the government of the day, which was fully aware of the commitment, and it was never questioned by the people of the electorates, who expected that the Liberal Party, under Hon Colin Barnett, would keep its word. They expected the Liberal Party to keep its word and they expected the government to keep its word should it be re-elected. There was no real reason for people to expect that that would not be the case. The people in Ellenbrook and Swan Hills know not to believe the government. Certainly people in West Swan know not to believe the government—that message got through. They do not need any more lessons—they now understand. I suggest to the member for Swan Hills that some of his new constituents will also understand the government’s broken promises by the next election.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That’s what you said to him at the last election and he’s still here.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He lost half his electorate, fortunately for him. He was fortunate; it will not happen next time.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** He is still here.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I do not think the minister can treat the voters with such contempt on more than one occasion and get away with it. He did it once. The member was fortunate; he was saved by a redistribution. I do not think he will get away with it next time. The constituents of Warnbro and Mandurah were expecting the minister to keep his promise, because they had not had experience of his promising, because he did not promise anything last time. On this occasion he made a \$55 million promise.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, we didn’t.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The minister’s candidate did.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** He did not.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The minister did not refute it; he was fully aware of it. Was the government media office not aware of that promise? Is that the suggestion; is that what the minister is saying?

**Mr T.R. Buswell** interjected.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** On the day of the election, as voters queued to go into booths, why were they confronted with this sign with the candidate’s name and “Your Liberal for Warnbro” written on it, and, “Making decisions getting things done”, and the Liberal Party logo at the base of the sign? Why were voters confronted with that sign, which says, for the purposes of Hansard, “We NEED a train station at Paganoni Road, NOW! Not in six years. A Liberal Government will deliver it SOONER”? That was a very specific promise to the people of the electorate of Warnbro.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** He may well have been able to, but he didn’t get elected. We will never know.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** This is the point I made last time I was talking about this subject. I am glad the Treasurer is here because I want to ask about this. When the Liberal Party of Western Australia goes to an election, will it keep promises only in electorates it wins?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Is that the point the minister is making? That is the point he seems to be making. Is he suggesting that any other promise in a seat the Liberal Party does not win is only an aspiration by the individual in his party who is running for the seat?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, I am not making that point at all.

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**Mr P. PAPALIA:** If that is the case, that is a disgrace.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I just answered your question. Turn your ears on. If you're going to ask a question, listen to the answer.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** What was it; was it a promise?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** The answer is no, no; you're wrong.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Was it a promise? Turn your ears on. Was it a promise?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No; it's not.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** What is it?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** We are not going to be building your train station, full stop.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I know he is not because I asked him the question in the upper house today.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Pretty unequivocal.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I think I need to read that answer into this place.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You've failed again. You're not delivering for your constituents.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The manner in which the minister responded to the question actually complies with his modus operandi and his form when it comes to keeping promises and breaking them post-election. The question asked was —

Will the Barnett government build the Karnup train station and all the associated facilities for the 50 000 to 60 000 people living between northern Mandurah and southern Rockingham, in this term of office?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Correct. The minister did not actually say no; he could not bring himself to say no. Perhaps it was his staff.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It's the upper house.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It was answered on behalf of the minister. The minister is not suggesting the member would have answered without the minister telling him what to say?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I signed it.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That is right. Instead of honestly confronting the issue and saying, "No, I lied during the elections, we're not going to do that" —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I never said we would build that.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** — and getting on the record some degree of honesty, which would have been refreshing —

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**Mr T.R. BUSWELL:** The member for Warnbro just stated directly to the house that I lied. I did not lie. In fact, the use of that terminology in this house has long been considered unparliamentary and I request that you ask him to withdraw it, as I will every single time he says it from now on.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr P. Abetz):** I ask the member for Warnbro to withdraw.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I withdraw.

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The candidate for the Liberal Party of Western Australia undeniably lied at the last election. He lied in the form of a statement given to the *Southern Telegraph* during the election campaign, which was never refuted by the Liberal Party machine or by the Premier of the state, who would undoubtedly have been aware of it because he has all the staff and all the mechanisms of government.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, you don't. In an election campaign you don't; you're in caretaker mode.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He had all the mechanisms of the very well funded Liberal Party of Western Australia to determine what his candidates were promising. In the event they were not aware, it is gross incompetence. But I do not believe that. I think the Liberal Party is incompetent in a lot of things it does, but in this case, when it came to running this campaign I will give Ben Morton the benefit of the doubt. I think he did all right, albeit with the huge amount of money he had. In no way do I believe the minister did not know this candidate made

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that commitment. I believe the Liberal Party of Western Australia lied to the people of the electorate of Warnbro —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You're reading it wrongly.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** — in not only the *Southern Telegraph* but also on signs that were distributed at every single booth in the electorate for people to read as they approached their booth to vote. That is a fact. The Treasurer was unable to bring himself to acknowledge that and say that the Liberal Party of Western Australia lied to the people of the electorates of Warnbro and Mandurah. The fact that the minister is incapable of doing that in an upfront, honest fashion does not disturb me at all because I think that is standard practice. He has form in this arena and he has continued it.

The statement the Minister for Transport gave in response to the question of whether he would build this station to service the 50 000 to 60 000 residents lying between Warnbro and Mandurah stations is pretty weak, the minister must admit. His answer was —

The Liberal-led government has committed \$80 million to increase the number of stations on the Mandurah line by building the Aubin Grove station.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That's true.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It is extraordinary that he could not bring himself to say no.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It's true.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Why did the minister not say no?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Well, it's true.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He just said no in here.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That statement is entirely accurate.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It is and so is the observation that —

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** Answer the question now.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I just did.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He did; he said it in here.

**Mr D.A. Templeman:** Are you going to build a multi-level car park at Mandurah station?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That is an interesting question.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That's a very good point. We are definitely building one at Edgewater Station, and on the back of that we will be looking at building multi-level car parks at other stations.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** When?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** The other stations are yet to be determined.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** When, in this term?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I couldn't say yet.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I doubt it.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You'll have to go to the market at Edgewater and see what happens. You didn't want to build any.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That is right; I do not think it is a good idea. I think the government should build more stations and it should build one south of Warnbro at Karnup.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You tell the people who use Mandurah Station you don't think it's a good idea.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** The people from the northern part of the Mandurah electorate who use the Mandurah Station want a station halfway between Mandurah and Warnbro. What would be cheaper, just quietly?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It's cheaper to better utilise existing stations.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** How much will that double-storey car park cost, roughly?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** It's not as cheap as at-grade parking, let me assure you of that, but it's cheaper than building a new station.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Is it more than \$55 million?

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**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No. But it's a lot cheaper than building a new station.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** What about the rolling stock that the minister will add for the additional people who will use a double-storey car park?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** We are already buying new rolling stock.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** No; the additional stock the minister is getting are only to meet current demand. I do not think it is a good idea, but, notionally, if we build a double-storey car park, people who are currently not getting on the trains will be squashed onto trains. Therefore we need extra rolling stock. When we costed the \$55 million we included the additional rolling stock that would be required.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, you didn't.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Yes we did.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, you didn't. Take it from me and retract it quickly. You didn't include rolling stock. You didn't.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I will accept the minister's statement to the people of the seats of Warnbro and Mandurah—all those people who reside halfway between Rockingham and Mandurah—that he will not build a station and that his party told a blatant lie to the people of those electorates in the course of the election campaign and for which he has never apologised. I will take that and we will move on because I want to cover another failure of the minister's government and its lack of service provision for my electorate. Again, this is intentional deceit by the ministers. In the course of the election campaign, it was suggested to the people—I do not think they bought this one; they might have bought the one about the train station but they certainly did not buy this one—that they did not need a police station halfway between Rockingham and Mandurah. That was the line of the Liberal Party and the Barnett government, which it adopted only in about March 2009. Prior to that, it conceded that there was a requirement for a police station at Secret Harbour but decided to break that commitment in about March 2009. The Liberal Party kept this line. People attended the public meetings calling for a police station and a greater police presence between the two police hubs. The Commissioner of Police and senior police officers suggested to the large public forum at Rockingham, which the member for Mandurah and I attended, that it was not necessary. Their statistics suggested that the people who desperately wanted a greater police presence between those two police hubs were wrong. No-one at those meetings bought it. They did not agree because their lived experience did not align with the sales pitch coming from the Minister for Police's office. We had one police minister and then another but they had the same sales pitch. The other night when a motion was moved against the Barnett government on the grounds of its failure to provide proper policing to Western Australia, it was suggested by the minister at the time that the people who need what the minister calls "modern policing", which is when a police car drives through a suburb at some time, reside only in Labor electorates and that the people who deserve old-fashioned policing in the form of police stations and a police presence reside in the leafy green western suburbs of Perth. We know that because the \$10 million to build the police station at Secret Harbour that was assigned in the 2008–09 budget went to the Premier's electorate at Cottesloe.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Where was it spent?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** That is where it went.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No money was spent there. Was that a true statement? Is that a true statement? That statement is not true.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** In the same month that the cancellation of the Secret Harbour Police Station was announced, the announcement of the police station in the electorate of Cottesloe was made. Where is the money? It is gone. It was used elsewhere—in the Premier's electorate.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No it wasn't. That's not true. You have to deal in facts. You can't just make stuff up.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** Why is the citizenry in the electorate of Cottesloe being afforded only second-rate 1950s policing? That is what I asked the other night then the Treasurer was not here.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** I have been asked to speak for the full time, and I will fulfil my commitment to the government Whip.

I still am unable to comprehend the government's argument it made the other night when the Minister for Police was redefining her commitment to the people of Ballajura on the 24/7 police station the Liberal Party promised. In her attempt to redefine the promise, the minister indicated that modern policing does not need police stations. My response to that claim then is that we need another hub between the Mandurah and Rockingham police hubs.



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If we do not need a police station, we need another hub. We do not want to settle for modern policing in the form the minister claims, which is drive-by policing by a couple of coppers in a police car; we want a police hub because there are 50 000 or 60 000 people who deserve a proper police presence residing in the southern and eastern suburbs of Warnbro, Port Kennedy, Secret Harbour, Golden Bay, Singleton, Baldivis, Karnup, Madora Bay and Lakelands. Those people deserve proper policing. Even if the minister thinks that is old-fashioned, that is what we think they deserve.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** What is the definition of “proper policing”?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** It is a police presence in the form of a hub. The geographic distances between those two police hubs is too large and the population is too great for them to be properly serviced from those two police hubs. There is no denying it. As I said, it does not matter how many stats are rolled out or how many senior police officers the government asks to try to convince people, because the people do not believe them. They are witnessing what we witnessed last Friday. They are witnessing things like the bashing of a 14-year-old boy in Secret Harbour. Last Friday, a young fella was bashed by an adult and left there. That is not the only incident, but that is a very disturbing incident that I have heard of as recently as Friday, post the election. Before that, on the weekend of 23 and 24 March, a young father walking home from the Whistling Kite in Secret Harbour was bashed, this time by a group of youths. They bashed him with pipes and bats and left him for dead in the park. The police at Mandurah have placed requests for information about that in the local papers. My argument, and that of the people who are supporting the call for the Barnett government to provide a proper policing presence between the Rockingham and Mandurah hubs, is that the people deserve a police hub that is located midway between Rockingham and Mandurah. We do not expect the police to sit there and answer the telephones on the front desk because we understand the argument that they should be on the streets, but when they leave the hub, they leave from a location. They drive out and then drive back. That provides presence. Going to and from work provides presence. The knowledge and awareness that the police station is there provides a deterrent. If members want to know whether that is proven by the experience of the people living in the area, they need look no further than a report in the local *Sound Telegraph* on 1 April of taxidrivens in Rockingham not wanting to go to the southern suburbs of Rockingham because they are getting rocks thrown at them. During the election campaign, I went to the electorate of Pilbara and was made aware that this was also occurring in South Hedland. It was drawn to my attention that taxidrivens were refusing to go to South Hedland because of the same threat. The same thing is happening in Port Kennedy and Warnbro. It is reported that taxidrivens fear going into those areas because people —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Is there a police station in South Hedland?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** There are other issues there.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Hang on. There is no police station in your electorate and they will not go there, but there is a police station in South Hedland.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** They can ask the police officers to go—they have someone to talk to —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** You just shot yourself in the foot.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** No, I did not.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** There is a police station in South Hedland but the taxidrivens will not go there because they are getting rocks thrown at them.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** They were, but the police responded. The problem with Warnbro and Port Kennedy is that the police officers in Rockingham are so overwhelmed, under-resourced and understaffed as a consequence of the government’s inability to provide proper resourcing, or balance the budget, I might add, that they are incapable of addressing this. This is not an issue that has just occurred. When it occurs in South Hedland, they do something about it. They have coppers—the Treasurer knows that there are a lot of police in South Hedland —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Why are the taxidrivens not going there?

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** They are now. This was some months ago.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I am glad you clarified that.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** But in Warnbro and Port Kennedy there are no coppers to come to the rescue because they are up in the Rockingham hub and down in the Mandurah hub. They are overworked and there are inadequate numbers to respond in an appropriate fashion.

The Treasurer can treat this as a joke. The Treasurer can, and regularly does, treat the concerns raised by the opposition as a joke. The Treasurer’s strength is his ability to make a joke of things. The problem is that it is not a great strength for a Treasurer or for anyone who purports to be a responsible manager of funds for the state on

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behalf of all the taxpayers of Western Australia. Over time, it gets old and tired. Yes, the Treasurer can elicit a giggle from the monkeys on the back bench during question time by throwing around toilet paper and making silly comments, but over time it gets old. When we raise serious issues, I would prefer a response beyond primary school debating techniques. I would prefer the Treasurer to respond by telling me what he will do about it.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** But you just destroyed your own argument.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** What is the Treasurer's argument for not placing a police hub to service the 50 000 or 60 000 people who reside halfway between the Mandurah and Rockingham hubs?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Is your argument that the issues are about resource levels, or a building? Because it seems to me that it's about resource levels.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** As I have said, you do not resource the police service adequately, and beyond that there is a strategic decision required on behalf of government. The government's defence, which has been trotted out on numerous occasions over the last four and a half years, and frequently during the election campaign, was that it was an operational decision that the government could not involve itself with. That argument was used consistently in the electorate of West Swan. That is the argument that was used to shut the police station in Ballajura in the early days of the Barnett government's first term. The government told the member for West Swan that her constituents did not require a police station because it had been told by the police commissioner and his senior officers that it was not necessary, and that that was an operational decision, so the government could not involve itself with that decision. Then, for several years after that decision, the message was reinforced to the people of Ballajura that they did not require a police station because that decision had been made by senior police, and it was an operational decision that the Barnett state government could not involve itself with. That continued right up until the death knell; right up until two weeks before the last election at which time, miraculously, the operational decision must have changed. After all those years of informing the people of Ballajura that they did not need a police station because the police had made a decision and the Barnett state government could not involve itself in that decision, suddenly it was okay, and it suddenly was recognised that there was a need for not just any police station, but a 24/7 police station—a police station that was open 24 hours, seven days a week. Who then came to the electorate of West Swan to assist the Liberal Party candidate to announce that commitment? None other than the leader of the Liberal Party, the Premier of the state, Hon Colin Barnett. Clearly, the government had determined that it actually could involve itself in decisions about where police stations went. It could make those decisions, it could change police assessment, and it could make a commitment to the people of Ballajura that they would get a 24-hour, seven-days-a-week police station, despite having told them for four years that one was not required.

That commitment was made in Ballajura; one can only wonder why the same commitment could not be made to the people residing in the southern and eastern suburbs of Rockingham and the northern suburbs of Mandurah. It is nothing to do with population; that area definitely has a larger population than Ballajura. It is not to do with lack of incidents; we have had ATM bombings, service station robberies, multiple assaults, out-of-control parties, young people being bashed, fathers being bashed—we have had all manner of incidents, many of which have occurred post the election, so it is not for lack of evidence or demand from the local population. The people of the electorates of Warnbro and Mandurah have been asking for this just as much as have the people of Ballajura. They have consistently attended public meetings at all hours of the day; they have travelled distances to meet with the police commissioner and the new police minister. During the election campaign the police minister visited the electorate of Rockingham and invited resident association representatives to meet with her, and some of them did. She assured them that they had her empathy and her sympathy, but they did not have any action from her, because she did not believe it was required, so it has nothing to do with that. There is no reason for not providing a police hub halfway between the Rockingham and Mandurah areas, other than that the Barnett government just does not care; it could not be bothered. It does not want to provide a proper police presence to service the significant population of the area halfway between Rockingham and Mandurah. It could not be bothered; it has other priorities.

I am a bit fearful following the member for Cockburn's recent contribution and his observations about the hub in Cockburn; it sounds as though the poor old member for Jandakot might experience the same outcome. It sounds like he got a sign.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** He's getting a train station.

**Mr P. PAPALIA:** He has a train station; that is true. One has to concede that he —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** He's a quality member.

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**Mr P. PAPALIA:** At least the Treasurer told the truth then; that was nice. But he could not find it within his heart during the election campaign to tell the truth about why he would not prioritise a police station, and he certainly did not tell the truth about the commitment the Liberal Party made via its candidate, on multiple occasions and on election day, for a train station at Karnup. He could not find it within his heart to tell the truth about that one. I found it extraordinary that he was incapable of even responding with a straight answer when asked about it today in the upper house.

**MR J. NORBERGER (Joondalup)** [7.55 pm]: I rise this evening to speak in support of the Supply Bill 2013. As the newly elected member for Joondalup, I must say it is not difficult to look around my lovely electorate and see many great examples of this state government's wise and prudent investment in infrastructure and services, and I would like to share a couple of them tonight.

Joondalup Health Campus is a shining example, I believe, of this government's commitment to the complete rebuilding of the state's health system. Some \$393 million has been invested by the state government into that hospital. It is a key hospital for the northern metropolitan region, it is a very busy hospital, and it is an outstanding hospital. This latest investment has seen the addition of operating theatres and extra beds, bringing the total number of beds at Joondalup Health Campus to 650, which means that the hospital will be the second largest hospital in the state. We have also just added a clinical school in conjunction with Curtin University, Edith Cowan University and the University of Western Australia, which will really boost medical education and training for those universities by being directly attached, if you like, to a first-rate hospital. Also in the first stage of that redevelopment, a new emergency department was opened—an outstanding facility. One of its standout features is that it actually has a dedicated paediatric emergency department with a separate waiting area for people with their young kids. I can attest to how good it is; I have had to use it with my newborn, and it is quite fantastic. If one has to present to an emergency department with a young child, which is a bit stressful at the best of times, to be able to go into a separate and secure area and be seen in a specialist paediatric ED is outstanding.

I come from a family of nurses; my mum and my sister are both nurses, and my mum has had the pleasure of working at Joondalup—even before it was called Joondalup Health Campus, when it was still Wanneroo Hospital—from 1983 to 2010. Prior to this latest investment by our government, which resulted in the new emergency department being opened, the previous emergency department dated back to 1997, so it went for well over 15 years before getting a major upgrade. I can tell members that it was much needed, and it is now just an outstanding facility.

If we have a look at this government's commitment to sport and recreational facilities, it certainly highlights the value that we as a government place on the benefits that such organisations and facilities bring to the fabric of society. I was delighted to be able to secure a commitment of more than \$20 million to boost the facilities at Arena Joondalup, which will see dedicated facilities and clubrooms added for the West Perth Football Club, which is a fantastic outcome for the club; 10 more netball courts; and a new home for the Wanneroo Wolves Basketball Association; its current facilities, which it has been in for quite some time, are well and truly ageing and beyond their use-by date. It is great that our government was able to consider its future needs, and we are now in the process of securing a new home for the association at the arena. We are also working to construct a second rugby pitch there, which is also critically important to some fantastic sports clubs, including the Joondalup Brothers rugby union club. But it is not just the big sporting projects that are happening in Joondalup. There are also many smaller projects that show that the government cares right down to the grassroots level. One example is the Prince Regent Park lighting upgrades in Heathridge, which will directly benefit the local soccer club.

Transport infrastructure is an important matter throughout Perth, and especially in Joondalup. The government is investing over \$300 million to widen and extend the Mitchell Freeway. I believe that is a direct recognition of the rapid growth taking place in the northern corridor. The growth we are experiencing in the City of Wanneroo, the City of Joondalup and beyond is phenomenal, and it is great to see more people making that area their home. The government is investing in infrastructure to make sure we support that growth.

With the widening and extension of the Mitchell Freeway, at least \$30 million is being spent on adding a third lane to the freeway from Hepburn Avenue to Hodges Drive, which goes through the heart of my electorate. People in my electorate are very excited about this project and they are looking forward to its completion later in the year. Last week, I was privileged to meet with Main Roads and the contractor performing that work. The progress of that work is outstanding, despite the wet weather that has hampered the bitumen laying. Although those works are causing short-term pain, freeway users can see that the benefits are just around the corner, and we are all looking forward to that.

The Mitchell Freeway extension community working group is working closely with the community on the extension of the freeway from Burns Beach to Hester Avenue, with other options being considered to take that

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work further. This is a great investment and is needed because growth in this area is phenomenal. I am deeply involved in this matter and I am the deputy chair of that working group.

The impending commencement of the delivery of more rail carriages at the end of this year is definitely a sign of the government's support for increased public transport use. The government recognises that more people are using public transport, and it is fantastic. It means cars are being taken off the roads. A key to success in this area will be the growth of supporting infrastructure, such as parking at train stations and bus connections. During the election campaign I fought very hard on the issue of the need for more parking and bus connections. Edgewater train station is a key train station in my electorate. It is currently used predominantly by people who drive to it, park their cars and then transit into the city. At present it does not have any public transport connections, but that is something I am pushing for. The car park facilities at Edgewater train station are already at capacity, and beyond. In fact, when I started campaigning in March last year it was not uncommon to find people parking in the surrounding suburbs, on verges and even in surrounding business car parks. It has got to the point now that cars are being clamped.

The then local member did not see fit to do anything major about this matter. However, I started to ask the community what they wanted. I also spoke to the Minister for Transport, and I thank him for the attention and overwhelming support I received from him for the development of a multistorey car park at Edgewater, which is a key addition. If there are to be additional trains, which are desperately needed, and we want more people to travel by train, it is no good if people cannot get to the train station to catch them. Interestingly, I received no support whatsoever for that idea from the then member for Joondalup. His idea at the time was that everyone should catch a bus to the train station.

Do not get me wrong, I am all for having bus connections to train stations, but we cannot be so short-sighted as to think that every person will jump on a bus to get to a train station. A lot of people want the freedom to take their vehicle to a train station, park it and go into the city. There are numerous examples of where public transport would be insufficient in this case. If people come from the city to the train station and want to go to the shops before going home, they need their cars. Some people like the security of having their own cars. Some people may want to go from the station to friends' houses, and so on. There will always be a need for people to take their cars to train stations. So I am delighted that through demonstrating to the minister the great desire and need for that I was able to get a commitment from the government to build a 1 000-bay, multistorey car park at Edgewater train station. It has been extremely well received by the community and is something I am looking forward to working towards implementing with the government over the coming years. Having said that, I agree with it and will be helping to promote the integration of bus services at train stations to give people a choice.

In wrapping up, I want to express my dire concern, and echo the concerns expressed by many government members and the Premier, about the continuing decline of GST funds allocated to WA. I commend the Premier for being a strong voice for the state in this area. I am a staunch federalist and I am concerned about the ever-increasing desire of the federal government to control or administer areas of service delivery rightly belonging to the state government. Again, I am glad this side of the house is standing up for Western Australia and what is fair for all.

Thank you, Mr Acting Speaker. I support this bill.

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [8.06 pm]: I rise to support the Supply Bill 2013. I recognise that it effectively enables the transfer of some \$8 billion from the consolidated account. The application of those funds will be manifold; they will be used for all kinds of things, but one of the most important things they will do is help support the fabric of our community and society. Indeed, one of the most fulfilling roles members of Parliament play is in building communities. We can actively help nurture and instil confidence in our communities by working with community leaders, to help them realise we live in a good, democratic society that enables them to express a view and bring about the changes they see as necessary.

One of first areas that I turn to when working with the community is sporting clubs, and I begin by paying tribute to a few of the sporting clubs in my community. I mention, firstly, the Thornlie Swimming Club. This club has had enormous success over the years, but in more recent times its membership has declined. It has experienced problems because Thornlie Leisure World has a 25-metre pool only, and a 50-metre pool is really needed for a good, thriving swimming club. There are other reasons for the decline in membership, one of which is the ageing population in the area that has contributed to a decrease in the membership, but I believe that will rebound.

One of the observations I make when I visit the Thornlie junior swimming club, or any of the clubs in my electorate, is the difficulty of ensuring a volunteer support base. There are many wonderful volunteers in our community. Indeed, I have heard many members extoll the virtues of the volunteers active in their communities. But it does appear, and perhaps especially in youth-related sport and activities, that it is often difficult for parents and carers to be convinced that they will not be taking the world on their shoulders if they put their names

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forward to volunteer. People need to be confident that if they make a contribution, it will not involve taking on onerous tasks and that there is no need for them to be overburdened.

Before I finish talking about the Thornlie junior swimming club, I want to acknowledge the fantastic work of its president, Peter Anderson. At the trophy night recently, Peter made a point of saying that he will be stepping down from that position. He has been involved in this club for many years. His children were there 20 years ago, but it is time for him to pass on the baton to someone else. For the start of the next season, he has put the word out there that he hopes that somebody younger and with children going through the club will put up his or her hand, but I acknowledge the fantastic work that Peter has done; it has been a really sterling contribution.

Turning to a community sporting group that accommodates people who are a bit elder of year—some of whom are seniors—I refer to the Gosnells Croquet Club, which is a fantastic club with the most beautiful clubrooms and a great atmosphere. It is on the lookout for new members as well. I acknowledge the work of its president, Peter James; its vice-president, Tony Smith; its secretary, Liz Winstanley; and Maggie Cussell, its social secretary. They all do a fantastic job in promoting the noble sport of croquet and all the fun that goes with it, and the sometimes very devious tactics that are involved; it is always entertaining to be there. Again, I know the club is keen for new members. These sporting groups form the fabric of our society and provide opportunities for people to not only be active in the community, but also actually play a part in the tradition of the area. I will give an example. We have many clubs that have a long history in our area. Indeed, the Gosnells Football Club is well over 100 years old, and I was recently at the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Gosnells Bowling Club.

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr I.M. Britza):** I ask members to quieten down; we are struggling to hear. Thank you.

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I want to acknowledge the role of the Gosnells Bowling Club; that is, the excellent work done by its president, Maurice Crabb, and his charming wife, Anne; its vice-president, Peter Charkiewicz; its secretary, Albert Pedrotti, who has managed so well corporate bowls events over a number of years; and Lesley Smirk, who has looked after the catering at the bowling club and done a fantastic job. Then there is the role of sponsorship. Gordon Bradford has helped by bringing in many local businesses to be sponsors. By bringing local businesses into a social sporting context, it thereby strengthens the community bond so that people are more inclined to shop locally and enjoy the benefits of having that more direct relationship with local businesses. I want to acknowledge that it is now Rob Gibbons who is the sponsorship officer of the club.

Recently I was at the ladies' gala bowling day and noted the fantastic work of Annette Sheridan. There is much good work that goes on in our local clubs. At the seventy-fifth anniversary of the bowling club, I was able to present a photo of the original clubrooms, a room known as the "Bough Shed". I would like to acknowledge Rosemary McKay in helping me come up with this very old important photo and having it framed and presented to the club.

Sporting clubs are just one aspect of the fabric of our community, but another aspect is the concerned citizen who sees a problem and actually says, "Well, I want to do something about this." One such example is Tony Alexandrou, a constituent of mine who lives in Gosnells. He came to me saying, "Look, we have a rapidly transitioning community here; it has gone from being one where there was even a question mark about the enrolments at the local primary school to one where we are now seeing more young people move in." There is a cycle of rejuvenation that we see in many suburbs; there is affordable housing in Gosnells that is very well connected to many transport linkages, whether we are talking about the Tonkin, Roe or Albany Highways or the Gosnells or Seaforth train stations. Those transport linkages are valuable to people, and if they are having to weigh up the alternative of moving to the far-flung suburbs, the new areas where people can get those house-and-land packages at a relatively cheap price, or the option of buying an older house in an older suburb and renovating in Gosnells, many people are choosing that rejuvenating option. Tony Alexandrou came to me, saying that he could really see how our suburb was poised to take off—maybe not in the next five years, but in the next 10 or 15 years—but that we had to do something about crime. There is the wish for the social fabric of our society to be stronger, but people's confidence is undermined by the problem of crime. As solid an effort as those police officers at the Gosnells Police Station put in, it still is a concern for people that we have drug houses in Hicks Street and that a derelict house was burnt out but not razed to the ground. I should point out that the house is still presenting a danger to people because there is a whole legal process that has to be gone through before this dreadful building can be razed to the ground. Those matters undermine the social fabric of the community; it makes people lose confidence in our society. It makes them ask, "Well, what is going on here when the City of Gosnells, the local member of state parliament and the federal government cannot act on these problems and blights of our society? What is going on?" Those matters undermine confidence and start to eat away at the fabric of our society and that is unfair. But Tony Alexandrou has come to me saying, "Look, we can at least do something about the hooning; that is, can we slow down the speed at which people travel along

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Hicks Street? Can we see about getting some speed humps in?" That sort of thing is an excellent way of engaging the local community towards a solution. I am not sure whether we will get those speed humps that he has so well identified as being necessary, but on this point Tony is helping me to put together a petition that will go to the City of Gosnells. We may not get them, but at least the community would have been brought together on this point by focusing on getting to a solution eventually, which is a positive step forward.

Much of the community fabric can be nurtured and helped along by ensuring that the planning processes that we have are really working and are viable—that they engage people and immediately tell them that their views are valued. It really disappoints me when I tell people, "Look, there is a potential for a big development to go in here." We have such an area of some 500 hectares of land in the Gosnells electorate that is potentially a huge development that will eventually include many thousands of dwellings. It is owned by the Della Vedova family and is known as the Della Vedova land; I wish them well in its development. However, it concerns me when I say to people, "Look, we are in the very early stages of hearing about this development. If you have particular wishes, requests or views on how this land should be developed, make those views known now." Sometimes I get the response from people, "Well, no-one is interested in our view. People don't care what we think." We must turn that around. We are interested. We must use those bits of precious advice that come from the community. We have to let it be known that the community's views are valuable—that it has a legitimate role in helping shape major developments that will change our community quite dramatically. That sort of thing is very important.

I have had a range of requests about the Della Vedova land concerning how that huge area will be developed. One school of thought is that we should make sure the land is developed, but we retain the wetland areas so that we keep the character of the area. Another school of thought is that this area has been used in part as farmland, and we should use that as part of the character as well—namely, by keeping a working farm there so people can actually see where livestock are grazed and what goes on around that.

Other people with a more urban view of things are saying, "Well, what about a retail shopping mall precinct somewhere? What about sporting facilities? What about health care?" We need to make sure all those things are incorporated in this major development. All the points raised are perfectly legitimate. They are all things that the developers could enrich their community consultation process with, and by which improve the quality of their development. There is always a risk in a developer's mind that there will be some public backlash or concern about a development, but if developers are seen to be consulting from the outset and really taking on board community suggestions, that will go a long way towards allaying those concerns and getting the community on board.

Another development that I would love to see is the rejuvenation and improvement of an area in Gosnells known as Lissiman Street. I have spoken about this before. However, I want to say that community consultation about a blighted area right in the heart of your town centre is not a matter of sending letters out to people who live within a 100-metre circle of the development site. The community consultation has to be much broader than that. From what I have heard so far, people want to see retail, town houses and office space there. I would even like to have my office in that area, but, unfortunately, there is no office space available, even in the general precinct. As the member for Gosnells, I would love to have my office in the Gosnells town centre. There is a diversity of requests. Other people say that they would like to see laundromats and things of a practical nature; nevertheless, they are the essential services and businesses that people would like to see in a local community. The businesses that are there could thrive. They could be boosted by such a development. I have talked to people such as the owners of Lanes Lunchbar, Ken and Jasmine, who are poised to build their business, but it needs strong private sector investment nearby. We cannot have private landowners not developing their properties; that is no good at all. We must make sure that all property owners move things along in the right direction. We cannot have some private landholders holding us back. At the same time, we need local government to be active, and a promised improvement plan has to be delivered. The state government support has to be there to make sure that it is a thorough community consultation process.

I recently had the pleasure of visiting the Save the Children Australia organisation's headquarters at the Gosnells Community Lotteries House, from where it runs the It Takes a Village program. I visited the Save the Children organisation with the federal Minister for Sport; Multicultural Affairs, Kate Lundy. It was striking to us how, based on our view of things in Gosnells, Australian society has moved on from the notion of Australia being a tolerant society. For a very long time we were very proud to say that Australia is a tolerant country. We have moved beyond that to say that Australia is actually a country that can embrace other cultures. This is why days and weeks such as Harmony Day are important. We recognise the contributions that people from all sorts of cultures make, and we come together and form a harmonious society. An interesting parallel can be made with music; different notes of music can come together to form a beautiful harmony. Layer upon layer, we can build the fabric of our society and it can be a harmonious multicultural one. That is certainly evident in Gosnells.

Turning to the work of the It Takes a Village program, I heard some of the stories of refugees. I heard the story of a family from Burundi, which suffered greatly with a civil war. I heard about the trauma that people had left behind them. But then they were thrust into the south eastern suburbs of Perth, and faced the isolation and lack of English skills that might go with it. It is very frightening that their trauma can be exacerbated by our best intentions. But, fortunately, a program such as It Takes a Village gives them social infrastructure and an opportunity to mix and go beyond the isolation that they might initially feel. I think that is vitally important.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr C.J. TALLENTIRE:** I will quickly touch on the issue of rail line extensions in the south eastern suburbs. Labor campaigned strongly on this issue in the election campaign and had a solid commitment to extend the line from Thornlie to the Mandurah line. We had that budgeted. In fact, our costings were higher than those that the government provided. I think the government suggested that it would be a \$240 million extension, whereas our costings came in at \$280 million. It is something that the community desperately wants and really needs. It is the only successful way before us to avoid the traffic congestion problems that plague us so much. I know that the member for Southern River supports me in this matter. I am sure that he is disappointed to hear his federal colleagues say that there will be no federal funding of public rail transport. That is a sad reflection on them. It just makes it ever more important that we have a federal Labor government that can provide funding for rail infrastructure in the south eastern suburbs. Public rail transport right across Australia should be funded by all levels of government. I think it is deeply disappointing that those in the federal opposition do not believe that. They talk about sticking to the knitting; they feel that that is just about funding road transport. Why would they make that distinction? With the problems that road transport is facing, it just does not make sense.

I want to turn to the economic indicators that we use. When I watched *Q&A* last night, I heard Clive Palmer talk about the use of the gross national product. There was something about his comments that reminded me of a very famous speech given by Robert Francis Kennedy. If I may, I will quote Bobby Kennedy. In 1968, some 45 years ago, he said —

Too much and too long, we seem to have surrendered community excellence and community values in the mere accumulation of material things. Our gross national product ... if we should judge America by that—counts air pollution and cigarette advertising, and ambulances to clear our highways of carnage. It counts special locks for our doors and the jails for those who break them. It counts the destruction of our redwoods and the loss of our natural wonder in chaotic sprawl. It counts napalm and the cost of a nuclear warhead, and armored cars for police who fight riots in our streets. It counts Whitman's rifle and Speck's knife, and the television programs which glorify violence in order to sell toys to our children.

Yet the gross national product does not allow for the health of our children, the quality of their education, or the joy of their play. It does not include the beauty of our poetry or the strength of our marriages; the intelligence of our public debate or the integrity of our public officials. It measures neither our wit nor our courage; neither our wisdom nor our learning; neither our compassion nor our devotion to our country; it measures everything, in short, except that which makes life worthwhile. And it tells us everything about America except why we are proud that we are Americans.

Robert Francis Kennedy was speaking at the University of Kansas in March 1968. It strikes me that when it comes to matters of economics, acknowledging that the Supply Bill is at the heart of our economy in Western Australia in many ways, we too often forget about looking at the real values of our society. We need economic, social and environmental indicators that go beyond those that are so often used to measure the progress of our society. Indeed, I think there is some fascinating work going on in this area, and there has been for a number of years. No doubt Bobby Kennedy's speech set many good minds thinking on this point.

I have looked at some of the latest information coming out of the United Kingdom on this issue. The UK Sustainable Development Commission has put out a report called "Prosperity without growth?" This commission is the UK's independent adviser on sustainable development. Its Economics Commissioner, Professor Tim Jackson, who wrote the foreword to its report, made some really important points. He states —

The global economy is almost five times the size it was half a century ago. If it continues to grow at the same rate the economy will be 80 times that size by the year 2100.

... ramping up of global economic activity has no historical precedent. It's totally at odds with our scientific knowledge of the finite resource base and the fragile ecology on which we depend for survival.

There is much reason for us to look towards not only other indicators, but also other ways of structuring our society, recognising the finite nature of our resources. We need to switch to a society that is built on prosperity—

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a society that has a lasting prosperity. That is where much of the thinking now is going—making sure that we are a prosperous society, but a society that is based on lasting prosperity.

Professor Jackson says also —

It resides in the quality of our lives and the health and happiness of our families. It is present in the strength of our relationships and our trust in the community. It is evidenced by our satisfaction at work and our sense of shared meaning and purpose. It hangs on our potential to participate fully in the life of society.

This gets back to the point with which I began my speech. It gets back to the fabric of our society and our communities. It gets back to the social groups, the sporting groups, the seniors groups and the school P&Cs—all the groups that make up the fabric of our society—and making sure that they are strong. That is where true satisfaction comes from in our lives. That is from where we get the richness of our life's experiences.

The report makes some other points about economic growth. It states —

Economic growth is supposed to deliver prosperity. Higher incomes should mean better choices, richer lives, an improved quality of life for us all.

But in reality, has it done that? Growth has delivered its benefits, but very unequally. The report states also —

A fifth of the world's population earns just 2% per cent of global income. Inequality is higher in the OECD nations than it was 20 years ago.

The report states also —

Wealth trickled up to the lucky few.

We have heard a lot about the Milton Friedman view of trickle-down economics. But in reality it seems that wealth has trickled up to a precious few.

The report presents some solutions to building a sustainable economy. One solution is protecting the capabilities that we have and ensuring that they flourish. Another solution is tackling systemic inequality. That is something that I do not think we talk about enough in Western Australia. We do have great wealth in this state. But how well do we distribute that wealth? That is one of the key things that we need to look at. That is where something like this Supply Bill should be considered as a means of ensuring that redistribution of wealth does take place.

The report looks also at certain indicators. One indicator that I want to conclude on in this contribution to the debate on the Supply Bill is greenhouse gas emissions. It is important to note that in the last few days, we have seen global atmospheric carbon dioxide levels exceed the level of 400 parts per million. That is a point that we have been approaching. But we have now exceeded the level of 400 parts per million, when we have not seen that level for about three million years. It is a global problem. We all know that. It is something that each nation is called upon to do its bit for. Naturally, wealthier countries should be doing more than the less developed countries; naturally, that is the case. At our state level, what are we doing with our emissions? What are we doing in anticipation of the problems that will beset us with the further onset of climate change? The traditional wisdom in this Parliament at a state government level has been that greenhouse gas mitigation—reducing greenhouse gas emissions—is something that we can leave to the federal government, but adaptation is something that we can perhaps do at our state level. But I do not see much activity on that front in this state at the moment from our current state government. Our agricultural sector will be seriously damaged and already is suffering the consequences of climate variability and climate change. Our urban environment may be greatly impacted upon. There are obviously also impacts on coastal communities with even the slightest sea level rise and the overlaying of a greater intensity of storms and greater frequency of storms. The drying climate may also lead to the drying out of whole suburbs and the dewatering of our groundwater areas such that we get subsidence and structural cracking in buildings. There is a whole host of problems there. There is also our natural environment. Even if we take an anthropocentric view of things, it is the case that our fisheries are shifting as climate bands and climate patterns shift. Our jarrah forests are not regenerating at the same rate as they once did. The future of the whole forestry industry is hanging in the balance.

We clearly need a climate change policy that this Parliament can seriously implement. That policy may well be based largely around adaptation. But my concern is that in Western Australia, that is not happening. I hear that the climate change unit within the Department of Environment and Conservation is barely staffed. I recognise that a restructuring is going on, but I think there might be only one full-time equivalent officer in that unit. I will wait for the Minister for Environment to clarify that for me some time, perhaps by way of questions on notice. Nevertheless, we need action on this front, because there are so many spheres of our economy and our quality of life that depend upon us making sure that the climate pattern that we have grown to enjoy is ongoing and not one that changes dramatically.



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I support the Supply Bill, and I hope that the issues that I have raised will be treated with all due seriousness by this government.

**MR M.P. MURRAY (Collie–Preston)** [8.36 pm]: I rise firstly to put on the record some concerns about the Supply Bill and about the funding and the way in which it will be applied over the next year or so. That is the case especially when we talk about forward estimates and when we have a Premier who has said that forward estimates are not to be believed; they are only what they are—forward estimates. Therefore, as we go into the budget process, and as we work through that process when the budget is tabled, how can we believe the government when the Premier himself has said that forward estimates are not to be believed? That is something that I think is detrimental to the Parliament and detrimental to good government, because we need to look at more than just one year at a time. We need an extension of time and some understanding of where money is going to be spent into the future. So, the Premier has some explaining to do. Anyone who wishes to look up *Hansard* will find very quickly where, only a short time ago, the Premier made the very bold statement that we should not believe what he puts in the forward estimates.

**Mr J.H.D. Day:** He did not quite say that.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** It is not only the Premier; can any minister here be believed on the forward estimates?

**Mr D.T. Redman:** Absolutely.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** How can they, when the Premier says do not believe them? He is supposed to be their leader—but maybe not the National Party; maybe we will believe them for 10 minutes or so, but no more.

**Mr D.T. Redman:** Give us 15, member!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** All right—15, but by that time they will be asleep. What I am concerned about is what the ministers are going to put in this budget in direct funding, and then in the forward estimates. We have seen now that things are very tight within the budget estimates. On the floor here, the Treasurer said that. He said that things are going to have to change and that the government will have to do some more work, and he has put out letters to each of his ministers saying that he will tighten up the system.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** When did I say that?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I do not have a problem with that, Treasurer. What I do have a problem with is whether anything that is put into this place and tabled is going to be honoured. That is where I have a problem, and that is why I am bringing that up now. We are talking about supply agreements. Yes, of course this side of the house is not going to block supply—firstly, because we do not have the numbers, and, secondly, because I do not think it will do any favours to any government to block supply, as we saw quite some years back in the federal government.

I am talking today to make people aware that everything that we read may not be true. It may be just a furphy. It may be just something that has been pulled out of a hat and put in there to shut the punters up for another week. We have seen that happen with the election promises already, with this pull back, where we are not sure on what date things are going to start. We saw that in question time today. It was very obvious that there are some major, major structural problems in the finances of this government. Yes, the government will go back to WA Inc. Most of the people in Western Australia who vote now were not born when that problem happened, yet the government still harps on it.

**Mr A.P. Jacob:** I was around!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes, there is one over there, but only just—the member might still have had his nappy on!

What I can say is that we do have problems with this government. One of those problems relates to policing. I brushed on this the other week but I feel we have to talk about it again. There has been some commentary from the Commissioner of Police during this week and last. It is something that concerns me immensely. I think he is doing his job and protecting the vulnerable police minister. He has been out there saying, “We can’t blame the minister; we can’t blame the police department. What we’ve got to blame is the system.” To some degree I think he is right, but it is not his job to be the social welfare commissioner of WA. His job is to be a police commissioner. In his wisdom he said, “I’m not going to police certain areas in which the laws have been made and enacted in this Parliament.” Who is really running this state? Is the Commissioner of Police running the state or is the minister and the ministerial group making the laws and the government making the laws running the state? Is a police commissioner or a health commissioner running the state? I would like to hear that answer.

The way I see it the Minister for Police has become a rubberstamp for the police commissioner. He has made that very clear. He said, “There are areas that I’m not going to police.” I have a real concern when he makes statements like that. Is piddling in the street one of those areas that he is not going to police? It is not going to

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hurt anyone. It is obnoxious, rude and everything else, but is he going to police that? Are we not going to worry about brake lights on cars, as he said in the press? If someone puts their brakes on while driving down the Kwinana Freeway—if drivers can go fast enough!—but there are no brake lights and there is a nose-to-tail accident that causes \$1 million damage to cars, what are the important things? Let us be realistic; there could be a 15 to 20-car pile-up in the making on this highway, but who will make the decision to police what? Will it be the commissioner or will it be Parliament? We make the laws but we have a Commissioner of Police who is not going to act on them. If that is the case, it is a pointless exercise being in Parliament. I am sure some of the newer members of Parliament will be amazed that we have a commissioner saying, “I’m not going to police that.” It is a long way down the road towards saying that we will just have commissioners and no Parliament. Members would believe me if they read what he says every time. My view is that if he spent less time playing Hollywood George and writing to the papers and got on with his bloody job, he would be far better off. I know what he does when the heat comes on—he gets on his motorbike and goes for a ride into the desert, and he calls it a fundraising ride! That is not good enough for any government leader at the top of the tree. There are jobs to be done out there. I am so hot on this because of what I see in country towns and in the city. There are enough members around here to understand. We heard it from the group over there about the problems in their electorates—it was in a dorothy dixer to the police minister. We see it in our electorates.

There are some problems between groups in my town at the moment. Windows have been broken and cars have been smashed up. There is a court case tomorrow that we have to find extra police for. We do not know whether we can get extra police because the numbers are not there. When we put questions on notice about police numbers needed in the south west, we did not get an answer. They say it is an operational issue and they cannot provide those figures. Why? They are hiding behind the process. They do not have the funding needed to have a proper, honest and straight police force. The police out there are doing an excellent job under much duress. The minister has to come forward in this year’s budget with a lot more money to get the police up and running, and have enough numbers to make sure people in our communities are feeling safe so that people can go down the street at night-time, because at the moment I do not see that.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** How much more?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I am not the police minister. I have asked for the numbers of police needed in the south west but I get the brush-off. With your smart-arse question, what I do not —

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The ACTING SPEAKER (Mr I.M. Britza):** Member, that language is unparliamentary.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I withdraw it.

*Debate Resumed*

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** But I think he deserved it for the game he played today, and there will be a few more to come yet! He can laugh, but do not worry; like I said, it will not be long before he is on the front page of *The West* again, believe me. If he wants to play, let us play. We need more money —

**Mr D.A. Templeman** interjected.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** Member for Mandurah, thank you.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** We all know what is coming. It is only a matter of time and when. We will decide that, won’t we? I did not hear a smart alec answer—is that the word I was chasing? Sorry; it was a smart alec answer.

**The ACTING SPEAKER:** I accept that, member!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** We need extra police. The hub system, as I said the other night, is not working. People have to wait 25 minutes up to an hour for police to attend. We see murders happening in different places, so those top-of-the-range issues soak up more police than they should. We have different fundraising events or, say, a concert down at Bunbury. Police had to be moved out of the other areas. The kids in my town thought it was lovely. Why? “Because you can go out and do a couple of burnouts. There are only a couple of coppers on tonight because they had to go and help somewhere else.” It is a real problem.

Another thing is the visual aspect. The commissioner certainly disagrees with me on this, but I believe that police being seen is a big deterrent. We need to have police around. We need to see a police car cruising from time to time, not in the yard with its motor running, computer switched on and roaring down the road with the siren on like hillbilly cops! We need more people around in those police cars so that there is a presence within our communities. That is not happening. As much as I heard Capel people saying that they will get more police down that way, I want to see the evidence. I want to see police on a regular basis and not on an ad hoc one. The Capel people will be very happy with the commissioner’s statement that he will not listen to some things and not

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be pulling people up for certain things. I know that in Capel in the first week, after some of the criticisms I made about lack of policing, four or five drivers were knocked off for drink-driving because they had been going to the club driving home backwards and forwards. They have to be under the same rules. That is my point. We cannot distinguish between that person and that person or that tail-light or that person piddling in the street. There has to be some consistency in this. When we make a law in here, I believe the law should be enacted. If not, bring it back in. Move a motion and wipe that law out because it is not relevant any more. It is not like the 1903 Dog Act—former Minister for Agriculture and Food, was the Dog Act 1903? I thought he was going to bring it back into Parliament and update it. We do not want to leave it that long before we revisit the act and say it is now not law.

The Minister for Police has sat there with her head down pretending she is not listening, but I know she is. I ask the minister to talk to the Commissioner of Police. Sit down and ask him how he will enforce the laws that are made in this Parliament, and which laws he will enforce. Come back and report to this Parliament so we know the answer when constituents come in and say, “I read in the paper that he’s not going to do this or that, yet I’ve been knocked off for it.” That is what I want to know so that we have a consistent policing line in Western Australia—something that is very blurry at the moment. It is the Minister for Police’s duty to find out what the commissioner is going to do and how he is going to do it, and report back to Parliament.

Many other issues relate to the budget. It was quite obvious in question time today that the minister for roads and other bits and pieces was not quite sure what will happen with the roads from Collie to Darkan to Wagin because the answer was “might be”, “could be” but not “will be”. That is the problem. I just read *Hansard* —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Those roads will be upgraded.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Is the minister now saying that they will be upgraded before the wheat goes on those roads?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No. I said those roads will be upgraded.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Jeez; I only have 30 years left of my life, and I do not want to waste it all waiting! That is what the minister is telling me. I want a date! I want to know that when those road trains come on those roads it will be safe to drive on there!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Collie Coalfields highway is being upgraded.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** There will be school buses! We have been through this 100 times, but the minister is not in front of the game.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** There are already road trains on that road.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes, there are.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Correct.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** But not the amount that there will be; they are going to be four minutes apart!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** That is why the parliamentary secretary was just down with the shire in Darkan—to understand where we are going to spend that money.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** That is fine, minister, and I am happy to hear that. But what I have not heard is when the work is going to be done. When is the money going to be available—in this budget?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Yes, in this budget.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** From Collie to Darkan?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Correct.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Darkan to Wagin?

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** More than likely. It will be—it depends whether —

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** No, no—more than likely! Here we go again! Maybe, could be, should be!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Hold on, member. Let me ask you a question: if the high-risk areas are determined to be between Collie and Darkan as opposed to Collie and Wagin, then surely you’d fund the high-risk areas first and then work backwards?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I would hope so, but I am not getting that answer from the minister. That is what I am asking the minister. Will the minister give a commitment that those high-risk areas will be fixed before the grain starts coming down that road?

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**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I can tell you that they will be fixed; I have just told you that.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** We will see; the minister is still very evasive in that answer. The minister is not giving me a commitment that I can give back to my communities. I am talking about not only my area, but also the member for Wagin's area. We have had Narrogin shire in only last Thursday on exactly the same thing, and the Wagin shire is of the same view. The West Arthur shire has been to see me about exactly that. One of those people out there, Ray Harrington—he is the shire president—is absolutely distraught about the whole system, even though he will save around \$20 a tonne on his own wheat crop. He has said, "I don't want to put people's lives at risk by running my wheat down that road." He has said it will be personally advantageous for him to put the wheat out through Bunbury port to around the tune of \$50 000 or \$60 000 a year—quite substantial.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Good.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yet here we have a minister who will not give the commitment to make sure that those roads are safe and well before we get to there.

So, minister, quite truthfully I really do not want to go through the same sort of situation of having, in just over a year, six deaths like on the other road—I make it very clear that they were not all caused by the road.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I do not want to revisit that too often. But I just want to remind the minister that we do not want to transfer the problem east of Collie, because that will be one of the main thoroughfares.

Another area of concern right in the middle of Collie is on Throssell Street and the turn-off into Prinsep Street. There is often a traffic jam right in the middle, opposite the Gull service station. Many people are asking what we are going to do about it when the trucks come. A lot of people say to put lights in, but if lights are put in and then there is a stack-up of six or seven trucks in a row, which would be like a train going down the rest of the highway, we will have problems further down. I would like to see some planning done very quickly on that area right in the middle of town. The other day it took me 20 minutes—members would not believe this in a country town—to get across that intersection because it was school knock-off time and people were knocking off work. So, we will have problems there when the trucks are there, and I ask the minister to have a look at that.

[Member's time extended.]

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Another thing that comes to mind is how the election promises are going to be funded. The first one, of course, concerns my second-favourite football team—the Eaton Boomers!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Second favourite!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** They are not too bad; they have been on the bottom for only 30-odd years, but —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** No, they finished second last year.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** They gave Collie a flogging the other day!

But I want to know about funding for the much-needed clubrooms that has been promised in the election cycle. It was promised by the Labor Party, and the Liberal Party matched it; I would like to find out when—I will be putting those questions in—that funding will be; is it going to be in this budget? That team is desperate. The Shire of Dardanup wants to remove it from Glen Huon Oval; the shire wants it to move down and have a multifaceted-type sports ground with cricket and junior football at Pratt Road; the soccer team is arguing about its pitch as well. That needs to happen very quickly, because Eaton Fair Shopping Centre is on the expansion list for the next 12 to 18 months. That will take up a lot of the room around Pratt Road, and the shire is very keen to make sure that that area is turned into a passive recreation area; it also hooks up on to the other side to the gymnasium and the sports centre. They are very keen for that to happen. That is something else I will be chasing over time—I am just giving the minister forewarning of that.

There were several other promises, and one that was I think was a furphy, to be quite honest, is about the Millbridge bridge that crosses at Collie River. There was again a promise of \$18 million from the government in the run-up to the election. I am concerned, because this is about forward estimates. It will probably be put in the forward estimates, but to be quite honest it will not be needed for another four or five years; there are no roads running up. It was a very good political ploy during the election, I must say, and it cost me quite some votes. That was reflected in the booths; there was a drop because some people have to travel 15 kilometres to go from one end of Millbridge right around to the other side, and when they cut through the paddock someone keeps dropping a log across the road so they cannot do the shortcut, which is fair enough. But problems are going to occur not only because of the bridge, but also when the traffic flow changes. Even now, when coming onto the highway at 8.00 am the trucks and cars are backed right up to Eaton Fair. Further traffic management systems

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will have to be put in there other than just a bridge to bring the traffic down there. I can tell the minister—I probably will not be there—that the grizzlies will then be about the traffic coming through the middle of suburbia. We have seen that happen every time. It is all right for a short fix —

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** Over the bridge? Up and over the bridge, do you mean?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes. They will come down past the aged-care home, down through there, and the roads are not made for that; they are made for suburbia. There will be some major problems.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** When those two councils put those roads in, they always knew the bridge was going to go across.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes, but it is all about cost. But in the centre of the road are all those trees, and I think someone might have to get a bulldozer and push them down and widen the road out a bit. But I will not do that; I will let the minister get out there and do that because it will not be very popular.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I used to fish in the river there.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I must move on.

I want to quickly speak on a few other issues, one of which is the expanded recreational use of Wellington Dam, which was quite surprising to me. It is one of the biggest marron fisheries, and I think the Premier might have been down there when the Liberal candidate announced changing the whole facet of the dam by putting in black bream, mulloway and trout, and changing —

A member interjected.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes, well that is the problem. The marron that are there will then be all wiped out by the predators.

Several members interjected.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Hang on—I will change that! If we can get it salty enough, we will put some abalone in there! But what concerns me is that after the desire and the effort—this has been over quite some time—has been put in to freshen up that dam, and moneys have been removed from other things to do that, we have now changed the whole aspect by saying we will put saltwater fish in a freshwater dam. I think it is wrong. We are certainly heading down the wrong track. Remember, the marron fishery brings thousands and thousands of dollars into that region. Last Easter there were 3 500 people camped around the dam—quite possibly we would call it illegally. People were wild camping, and it is great to see mainly big family groups and a couple of big party groups, I must say. In the main, family groups come down to enjoy the forest and enjoy catching a few marron, but if we keep ignoring the salt problem, that will be gone. They will be out there trying to catch a mulloway, and I think that is a bit strange to say the least. I have spoken to some of the Fisheries guys, who say that it is very unlikely that mulloway would live in that brackish water, but black bream could. The Premier was a party to that promise. I am asking him to change his view and go back and start to work on the back areas of the dam and try to keep working on the salt mitigation program. I do not know what he has done with that \$17 million. I would be interested in looking in the budget. It was federal money. I wonder whether it was handed back. But there was a furphy that a study would be done again—I think it was number seven—of 250 000, when the member for Murchison–Eyre was the minister, and that was to put people off.

The Minister for Sport and Recreation has just left. The amount of \$1 million was announced just before the election. It was quite strange because we had been waiting four and a half years for it, and a week before the election the candidate announced it. That was very strange! It is funny how politics works!

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** A very good candidate.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** When I was standing next to the Premier in the park, he gave out a miserable little cheque. What a miserable little cheque he had, and it was a lotteries cheque; it was not even a government cheque. The Premier was standing there as proud as punch, like a kid with a new pushbike, with a very small cheque.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** You clapped.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I had to laugh but then I was roundly criticised for taking him to task over the coal industry. But I have done that enough times; I will not do that tonight. I know he is aware of the problems that need to be fixed.

**Mr T.R. Buswell:** I think they were safer with us in government than you in government.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** The Premier can do one thing to help Verve Energy and help the state; that is, use more coal and thereby provide the cheapest electricity in this state. It is nearly two-thirds cheaper than gas-fired electricity.

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**Mr C.J. Barnett:** If you're correct, Synergy and Verve need to be together, otherwise it can't happen.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I know; it will be very difficult for me. I understand exactly what the Premier is saying. I can tell the Premier that I will not walk away from my responsibilities to my electorate. That might tell a story in itself. Anyway, that is one of the issues —

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** We tried very hard to get rid of you and we nearly got there!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** The Premier certainly was not in our caucus room. He was not in our caucus room when some other people were there who might grin about what I said about things that were happening.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Well done. Good luck to you.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** In the end we ended up with Blue Waters, so we could not grizzle too much about what did change and what did not change. We know very well that the Liberal Party would not have built a power station because since Hilda Turnbull's time until now, there has been time to put on a back section, as we have talked about many times, and it is still not there. Instead we refurbished Muja A and B, the oldest power stations in the world, when we could have built Collie B for the same price.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** You had eight years in government to put the B on Collie A and you didn't do it.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Yes, but the Liberal Party was in power before that. We have seen the Premier's paper in here from 2000. He has had four and half years. I was not good enough to convince the people. I will be honest. I tried very hard to make sure of it, but the Premier came out and fired up Muja stations A and B, which were 40 years old, when he could have built a brand new one for the same price that operated with more efficiency and cheaper power. I cried tears of blood about the situation.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** I am not disagreeing.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I care about the industry and it is under stress at the moment. We are all aware of that and we have to be very careful.

The Minister for Agriculture and Food is not in here, but the former minister is here, so we can talk about some issues and he might want to say a few words. One of the problems in the farming industry, from Perth down to the south west, is the fact that people are neglecting weeds, especially cotton bush, which is running riot. As a lot of people will know, it grows probably to about two metres high, it contains a bud that looks very much like cotton and it runs wild. People need to spray it. A lot of people pull it out by hand when the shoots are small because of the amount of seed that comes from it. But the Department of Agriculture and Food has not fulfilled its responsibility by writing to absent landholders and people who have the problem on their properties and telling them they must look after their properties; they must spray these weeds.

The other weeds are the Apple of Sodom and blackberries of which there are now two types in WA. Many people are surprised to learn that. There are containment lines so that the blackberries do not cross-breed. The Department of Agriculture and Food is doing absolutely nothing about that other than, after a lot of political pressure and pressure from the farmers, running a workshop on Friday on how to control those weeds, especially the cotton bush. What does concern me is that since 2010, no-one has been prosecuted for failing to look after their properties. That is appalling because we need to knock over only a few property owners with a \$500 fine or a warning notice so that they become aware of the problem. I wrote to three owners of land that borders a place owned by a gentleman who was very concerned about some weeds. Those people had bought their properties for lifestyle and were not aware of the problem, but they started to do something about it. I was very pleased about that, but the Department of Ag has not followed up. It has handballed the issue and said that it is the responsibility of the shire or of the farmers. It is not their responsibility because many of the plantation areas have these weeds growing through them and they will be very costly to eradicate in the future.

I could go on for another couple of hours, but the only thing I would like to raise now is the local government fund. Many local governments have brought to my attention that they are worried about the future of the local government fund and where those moneys will come from. Previously they could get some funds from royalties for regions, but we know that royalties for regions is dead, despite some publicity put out in the south west by Hon Brendon Grylls.

**MS E. EVANGEL (Perth)** [9.05 pm]: Mr Speaker, I thank you for this opportunity to speak in support of the Supply Bill 2013 before us and to convey my support for the bill. It is a bill that I believe is imperative in facilitating the ongoing supply and delivery of critical infrastructure and services for the Perth electorate and, indeed, all electorates throughout this great state of ours.

I am sure you and everyone else in this place are aware of the unprecedented investments that are occurring in my electorate at present; investments in city projects that are transforming our city. Indeed, in my inaugural

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speech, I highlighted a number of major projects currently under construction in Perth, such as Elizabeth Quay, the Link project and the soon to commence new Western Australian Museum in the heart of our cultural centre in Northbridge. As this government continues to build these projects in our city, it is simultaneously building confidence in our city's retail sector, being the city's economic lifeline.

I congratulate our Minister for Planning and the Premier for their foresight, because, by building a city of international significance, we are attracting the attention of international retailers such as Top Shop and Zara, as seen in the papers recently. Both are very welcome additions to the city's retail fabric and attract significant crowds critical to the long-term sustainability of all city businesses, large or small. So, yes, I support the Supply Bill's progress through this place and again applaud this government for its investment, vision and commitment to progress.

Western Australia is a wonderful place to live and a popular choice. We are seeing as many as 1 500 people a week moving to our great state. Many are choosing my electorate as their place of residence. I completely understand why, as it is an exciting electorate with extraordinary history and a bright future. However, our rapid population and infrastructure growth is placing significant demand on our transport networks. The current strategies employed by our Minister for Transport, such as the widening of the Mitchell and Graham Farmer Freeways, will ease this pressure and it is imperative we continue our diligent work in this area.

I have mentioned the growing number of people choosing to live in my electorate. This rapid growth can be seen by the increased number of children attending our local primary schools. Year by year we are seeing additional strain placed on our school infrastructure. I am pleased that our Minister for Education has given priority to my electorate and recognises the need for extra facilities to accommodate these growing numbers of students. In fact, such is his interest and commitment, he has already committed to visiting Highgate, Kyilla and North Perth Primary Schools in the coming months.

Mount Hawthorn Primary School, established in 1906, with just 43 children attending at that time, has also received the minister's attention. Its student population has now grown to more than 800. Mount Hawthorn Primary School has indeed experienced a population explosion, so much so that the student population does not fit in the undercover area at the same time. This means that if it is raining, a portion of the students will get wet and if it is an extremely hot day, they are vulnerable to the sun's harmful rays. It pleases me that the Minister for Education has recognised the urgency of this issue as well as another urgent problem, which is the deteriorated state of part of the school's playground bitumen area. The minister has committed \$1.25 million for the redevelopment of the school's undercover area and the resurfacing of the playground bitumen. I know that this news is very welcomed by the school's principal, Ms Dale Mackesey, and the school board, P&C and schoolchildren.

Finally, I take this opportunity to acknowledge the contribution of the sporting clubs in my electorate, and in particular the North Perth Tennis Club located on Farmer Street in North Perth. Established in 1913, the North Perth Tennis Club celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday on 11 May last Saturday. It was my honour to celebrate with them and enjoy the friendly hospitality of the club. Tennis is a wonderful sport that is enjoyed by players of all ages. It was great to see young children as well as elderly people receiving awards for their achievements at the club. I congratulate the North Perth Tennis Club president, Mr Steven Lamb, Mr Basil Rompotis and the organising committee for hosting a wonderful afternoon tea for over a hundred people. The North Perth Tennis Club is more than just a place to play tennis; it is also a place where people gather to socialise and make friends, friends that last a lifetime, and such is the case with Ms Peggy Secker. I congratulate Peggy for celebrated 60 years of membership at the club on the same day that the club celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. What an outstanding achievement! Peggy is a much-loved member of the club who is known for her generosity and commitment to the club over the years, so much so that she is often referred to as "Aunty Peggy" by many of the children and other members. It was a delight to meet Peggy and present her with a lovely letter congratulating her on her 60-year milestone. I wish Peggy another 60 years to celebrate once again.

I reinstate my support for the Supply Bill 2013, as this government is delivering significant outcomes for the people of Western Australia. There are important projects in place in my electorate and I am sure in the electorates of other members. I will continue to speak in support of the Supply Bill as a continuation of our good governance.

Debate adjourned, on motion by **Mr J.H.D. Day (Leader of the House)**.