

COMMUNITY SPORTS FUNDING

**666. Ms E. HAMILTON to the Minister for Sport and Recreation:**

Can the minister advise the house how the McGowan Labor government is investing in grassroots sports in the outer suburbs, particularly sporting clubs and groups in Joondalup; and, is the minister aware of anyone who does not believe that these local sporting groups and organisations need support?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY replied:**

Thank you, member for Joondalup. I certainly can show that the McGowan government is supporting grassroots sport. This government is making very sure that it supports grassroots sport by putting \$10 million into grassroots sport. The member may have noticed that we stood up against some of the high flying sport clubs in Australia that took us on and wanted to follow down the Liberal Party's line about how much they should get out of sport at the expense of others. We stood up and said that they were not going to get that. We will put money into grassroots sports. We all know that community sport is a major part of our lifestyle in Western Australia, both for our mental health and physical wellbeing into the future.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Warren–Blackwood.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** It also helps us save money in the health system because we have a healthy society. It also helps to with integration when new people, many of our migrants, come to this state. We do not have the same problems that places on the east coast have. We are recognised Australia-wide as leading the pack in the sport and rec situation. Much of our —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I will protect you, minister!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** We are certainly out there and we are proud to have made 172 of these grassroots election commitments—172—in the short time that we have been in government.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I also say that it is unfortunate for sport and recreation that the previous minister was not on the job at all and struggled very, very much to connect with the community and the department.

I recently announced grants, including \$6 750 for the highly successful Joondalup Women's Football Club, now the Falcons. It has now integrated into the West Perth Football Club, a historic move under this government, not under the previous one, between a Western Australian football club and a women's team. It also means that that team is able to access jumpers and the like at a reduced cost to the players. Another \$10 000 was for playing infrastructure for the Midvale Junior Football Club to assist disadvantaged families who work to address—listen to this—antisocial behaviour in their area. I think it is a great movement in which sport is working very hard to take away some of the antisocial behaviour that people complain about all the time. It is being done through sport under smaller grants to local government.

**Ms M.J. Davies** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the National Party!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Another side of that is \$1 000 for a defibrillator for the Champion Lakes park —

*Point of Order*

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Mr Speaker —

**The SPEAKER:** Member, I know I am on your deaf side.

**Mr M.P. Murray:** Can I have another half-hour please, Mr Speaker!

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** It is good to see the minister finally keeping on script, but clearly he is quoting from a document.

**The SPEAKER:** What point of order?

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** He is quoting from an official document, perhaps he can table it and spare us all the grief.

**The SPEAKER:** That is not a point of order. Sit down. Minister, you will bring this to a quick end, I am sure.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I will go another 10 minutes; I will come down from the half-hour!

Can I say, like anyone else, I have my notes in my hand.

**Mr J.E. McGrath** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for South Perth!

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** There are probably a few more things, but if we talk about sport, maybe the member for North West Central should do a bit, because it could help his mental health!

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** Mr Speaker, I asked whether he was quoting from an official document. If he could table the document.

**The SPEAKER:** No. I just ask you to withdraw that last comment, minister.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I did not know the member was so sensitive. I withdraw.

**Mr V.A. CATANIA:** The minister is reading from a script; he is not reading from notes.

**The SPEAKER:** I think you would have got burnt the other day. Is that an official document?

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** No, they are my notes.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I can see the documents from here. They are just notes that have been done.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** I could probably challenge the member for North West Central to read some of the scribble that I have on here. I am sure he would really struggle—not only with the scribble, but to read at all!

What I can say —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Is anyone querying that that is an official document? Just leave it then. Minister, you will finish this very quickly.

*Point of Order*

**Mr J.E. McGRATH:** Could the Minister for Sport and Recreation please inform the chamber where the \$10 million is coming from? Is it coming from out of the stadium?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for South Perth, I call you to order for the first time. That was frivolous. Do you want a second one?

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** May I continue?

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, very quickly.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Can I just follow on from that?

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** The more you interject, the longer he will speak.

Several members interjected.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** May I go on?

**The SPEAKER:** Just wait. It is your question time, so just keep fiddling around there and I will let the minister wait until everyone is quiet.

**Mr C.J. Barnett** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** You have got a lot to say there, member for Cottesloe—a lot to say—the thing is that no-one is listening.

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**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** For those who wish to listen, of the money for the 172 local projects, nearly \$5 million has already been distributed to those clubs. Some of them had very, very low amounts and they had not had funding before. It is always great to go out there and give that funding to a club that has been battling away on its own, not getting a great deal of help from the previous government and not getting a great deal of help from the community to be able to build and bring those people into the fold so they have somewhere to go.

**The SPEAKER:** Come on, minister, wind it up.

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** That means that 172 sporting teams will have better infrastructure, new lighting and updated equipment, or uniforms for those who cannot afford it. But, in finishing —

Several members interjected.

*Point of Order*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Mr Speaker, standing order —

**The SPEAKER:** What is the point of order? He has already sat down.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The standing orders state —

Reading from documents should be limited to a few lines ...

Clearly, the minister is in breach.

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange:** The Speaker is not supposed to be on that side of the chamber!

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** What was your comment?

**Mr S.K. L'Estrange:** I have nothing to say.

*Suspension of Member*

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order for the third and fourth time.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** I call people when I like, and the member for Churchlands is putting the Chair into disrespect for the second time today.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Mr Speaker, for the direction for this house, could you please point out where in the standing orders you have the authority to make multiple calls on the one issue?

**The SPEAKER:** Under standing order 48, it is up to the Speaker to make that decision.

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Multiple calls?

**The SPEAKER:** Yes. I have put up with the member for Churchlands today. He is supposed to be the leader of opposition business and all he has done is put the Chair into disrepute. I call him to order for the fourth time. As the member has been called to order more than three times, I now suspend the member from the service of the house until the adjournment of today's sitting.

[The member for Churchlands left the chamber.]

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Mr Speaker, standing order 48 makes reference to you expelling someone from the house. It makes no reference to multiple calls for the one issue. Can you please direct this house, when you have made two calls for the one issue in this house, to the basis for calling twice. I am trying to understand the standing orders.

**The SPEAKER:** It is at the discretion of the Speaker to make the call. Before, the member got up and was disrespectful to the Chair. I stood up and then as I was standing on my feet, he said I should be on the other side of the house—I should not be looking after them, that it is not fair. To me that is disrespectful of the Chair. If you want to query that decision, you have the option to do so, but I will not have anyone, no matter who is sitting in this chair, be challenged by a member from that side of the house or that side of the house. Since this Parliament has started members have been getting out the standing orders and they do not always understand them. I understand that for new members of Parliament, but we have had members of Parliament who have been here before who are bringing up issues of relevance and things like that. It is my job to make sure that the chamber works in a proper way. If members want to query my decisions, they have the options to do so.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mr M.P. MURRAY:** Mr Speaker, I will just finish off!

**The SPEAKER:** Yes, okay.

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