

ADELLE COCHRAN — TRIBUTE

Statement by Member for Thornlie

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Thornlie — Parliamentary Secretary) [12.51 pm]: I rise to acknowledge the life and contribution of Adelle Cochran. On 17 September, Adelle suffered a severe brain aneurism and died some hours later. It is my honour to acknowledge her life in this Parliament. Adelle was a highly competent local government officer. She combined skills and knowledge with great human attributes of strength of character, warmth and integrity. Her human qualities made her a leader in her professional life and mentor to many. People in Adelle's team were always proud of their work and had a special confidence and belief in the significance of their community engagement. Many great community-building programs in the Gosnells area were inspired and delivered by Adelle and her team. Ensuring a smooth and effective collaboration between state and local government requires skill, patience and understanding. That is exactly what Adelle brought to the relationship between the City of Gosnells, me and other members of the Western Australian Parliament. Always with great integrity, Adelle nurtured many events and programs, and allowed her staff to bring their passion and creativity to bear. She was the embodiment of the very best of public administration. Adelle's generosity of spirit was impossible to repay, but repayment was not her concern. As was highlighted in a beautiful eulogy by her daughter, Elizabeth Venables, Adelle's spirit was to pay it forward, and, as Adelle's son, Lloyd Venables, said, "If you want to make a big difference, pay it forward; no big gestures, just a thousand small gifts."