

MANDURAH AND PEEL REGIONS

428. Mrs R.M.J. CLARKE to the Minister for Local Government:

Can the minister explain to the Liberal–National opposition why the City of Mandurah, as well as the Shires of Waroona and Murray, are not regarded as metropolitan councils? Can the minister outline how this government is investing in those communities across Mandurah and the Peel region?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

Absolutely. I am very proud to do that.

Several members interjected.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: They have got regional envy over there!

Point of Order

Dr M.D. NAHAN: Mr Speaker, he is gravitating towards the aisle again.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: What was the point of order, again? I did not quite hear it.

Dr M.D. NAHAN: He was not in his seat. He was gravitating towards the aisle again.

The SPEAKER: Thank you. Minister, will you stay in your seat.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I get very excited when I have a chance to talk about my region, the region of the Peel. Of course, it is also very important to recognise—unfortunately, I need to remind the member for Bunbury and other members here—that the largest city outside the metropolitan area is Mandurah.

The SPEAKER: Through the Chair, minister.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: The largest regional city in Western Australia is Mandurah, and it has been for a number of years. Bunbury is a magnificent city, and so are Geraldton, Kalgoorlie and others. But the factual reality is that Mandurah remains the largest regional city in Western Australia. I know the member for Dawesville agrees with me. We also know that under the previous government, the Peel region received the least allocation of royalties for regions funding over the entire eight and a half years. That was despite the fact that the population of the Peel is second highest only to the south west.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, I know it is entertaining, but listen to it in silence.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: Despite all those factual things, we have decided—the Labor Party in government; the McGowan government—to give the Peel region due respect in terms of investment from royalties for regions. That is what we have done. Now, of course, the member for Dawesville would not think this, because immediately after the budget was handed down, he went across to the costume hire area, put on his grim reaper robe, got his big scythe and wandered down Seascapes Boulevard lamenting that nothing had been delivered to Mandurah or the Peel—nothing! So, we will go through the list, because this is important. If there was nothing in the budget, he was going to put his scythe over his shoulder, slice around and say, “There is nothing here! There is nothing for us!” I want to tell members, and, Mr Speaker, I want to tell you particularly, because you would be very proud to hear this, about some important projects that have been funded and that the former government, the Barnett government, including the former Minister for Mental Health, refused to fund. The first is \$399 000 for a very important program for mental health for young people. That is the three-tiered mental health program, funded by this government, through this budget. They refused to do it. That is \$5 million to the Peel Youth Medical Service health hub, which will put all the key health delivery services for young people in the Peel under the same roof—\$5 million by this government.

Point of Order

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Mr Speaker, under standing order 75, questions may be asked of ministers regarding matters under the minister’s administrative responsibility. I do not believe he is the minister for Mandurah.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: No; it is not a point of order.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: As the Minister for Local Government, I am happy to be accused of being the minister for Mandurah, because one of the things that the local government in Mandurah said to us before the election was, “Here are some key projects”, and we have delivered on them. Let us look at the first one, \$10 million towards the

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best foreshore in Western Australia, which is the Mandurah foreshore. That \$10 million will make sure that that iconic part of Mandurah, which will now fit into the new traffic bridge, will be a key element for the economic centre of that city. There is more money for a new high school and primary school in the northern part of Mandurah. We also have, of course, in the electorate of Murray–Wellington —

The SPEAKER: Minister, I thought the question was on local government. You have not mentioned local government at all.

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: I just did. The fact of the matter is that we are delivering to the local governments in the Peel region because the former government forgot it. In fact, the former member for Murray–Wellington used to ring me regularly and tell me what the National Party hyenas were doing to him as the local member. They were out there undermining him and that is one of the reasons he lost the seat.