

LOCAL PROJECTS, LOCAL JOBS PROGRAM — ARMADALE

27. Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP to the Premier:

I refer to comments the member for Armadale made last night in which he said, “I gave \$3 000” to the Armadale City Concert Band, and, “I am on the board of the Grovelands Primary School” and would love to take any member of the opposition who wished to criticise the government’s program out there to show them what the \$18 000 that “I contributed” did for the resurfacing of the undercover area; and, finally, that Armadale Soccer Club was provided \$35 000 for undercover seating, “of which I contributed \$10 000”. Can the Premier confirm whether the member for Armadale actually gave that money personally or whether the taxpayer did; and can he confirm —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mr D.A. Templeman: You should’ve had an extra week of your honeymoon!

The SPEAKER: Leader of the House, I call you to order for the first time. I think you have already had your honeymoon.

Mr Z.R.F. KIRKUP: Can the Premier confirm whether the member for Armadale actually gave that money personally or whether the taxpayer did; and can he confirm that not all schools or community organisations have the same opportunities to seek such funding because no formal grants program is in existence?

Dr A.D. Buti: All the schools in my electorate got money!

The SPEAKER: Yes, and you got a call to order, member for Armadale.

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Whenever I see the member for Dawesville stand up, I always think of the word “dandy”. He is a dandy. Look at him! He is a dandy—the dandy from Dawesville!

Point of Order

Mr S.K. L’ESTRANGE: I seek clarification on whether the term “dandy” is appropriate, Mr Speaker.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: It depends whether it was done in a respectful way, and I assume that the Premier did!

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: Thank you, Mr Speaker. Anyone who looks at the member for Dawesville would have to agree with me!

The member for —

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Honestly. There is the Deputy Leader of the Opposition, the patron of the Scarborough Surf Life Saving Club. She participates in decisions to get money to that group, so —

Withdrawal of Remark

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Under standing order 92, the Premier has implied that I have acted corruptly and not declared my interests when engaged in funding decisions, and that is inaccurate. I request that he withdraws that; he has impugned my character.

The SPEAKER: It is not a debate; sit down. Premier, I am sure you will get back on track.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mr M. McGOWAN: Mr Speaker, she was interjecting on me.

I did not hear the address by the member for Armadale, but I think it is really quite commonplace for members in political life to say, “I did this” or “I did that”, and I suspect that if I were to go through —

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine, I call you to order for the third time. It is not a debate; it is question time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: I suspect that if I went through the *Hansard* of members from both sides of this place, I would find them saying, “I did this” or “I did that”. It is not that unusual. As we know, the member for Armadale has a deep commitment to his electorate, and he has been an excellent representative of that area for the last six or seven years. If he expresses himself in that way, I would not seek to doubt him. The member for Armadale has a PhD in law, so he knows what he is talking about when it comes to the English language.

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Mr Zak Kirkup; Mr Mark McGowan; Mr Sean L'Estrange; Mrs Liza Harvey

I want to close with the member for Dawesville. When it comes to Dawesville, Dawesville receives more attention under this government than it did under the last government. Falcon Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service, Falcon Men's Shed and Dawesville RSL have all received attention from Labor, because Labor stands up for Dawesville.

Several members interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: It is Labor that stands up for Dawesville.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! I am on my feet. Member for Dawesville, you will have the chance to ask a supplementary. You do not have to shout. I call you to order for the first time.

Mr M. McGOWAN: I will just close, Mr Speaker. It is Labor that stands up for Dawesville.

I note the member for Carine keeps mentioning Riding for the Disabled. He will note that the member for Baldivis, the member for Kwinana and myself —

Mr P. Papalia: And Warnbro.

Mr M. McGOWAN: — and the member for Warnbro—have been very supportive of the Peel Riding for the Disabled. He will find that that excellent organisation is receiving some support from government as well.