

**ILLUMINATE NIGHT PARTY**

*Statement by Member for Thornlie*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Thornlie — Parliamentary Secretary)** [12.58 pm]: On Saturday, 23 February 2019, I attended the City of Gosnells' Illuminate Night Party. Illuminate was held at the home of the Gosnells Football Club, Gosnells Oval, which came alive with colour, light and music. Music was provided by the headline act, The Cat Empire, which is rightly described as one of Australia's most popular bands, whose style is genre-defying, textured and colourful. Katy Steele from Little Birdy had the crowd enthralled with her lyrics and distinctive voice. Other sets were provided by singer-songwriters Greta Stanley and Ricky Green. We heard the very best of Australian music. It displayed a distinctive character and was fun, contemporary and of great appeal to the audience.

Mayor Glenn Dewhurst and his team of councillors are to be congratulated for their vision for the event. The hard work of implementing that vision was brilliantly done by the city's CEO, Ian Cowie, and his team: Christie van der Beeke, the manager of marketing and community events; Emma Howe; Clare Kenward; Jessica Williams; and Tim Iffla. Most importantly, the evening gave the Gosnells community a chance to come together and share a Saturday evening of splendid entertainment. Illuminate is a fabulous event where the atmosphere is good-humoured, respectful and vibrant. Food stalls, children's activities, roving performers, and carnival rides provided heaps of fun for the whole family. Illuminate captures the spirit of the Gosnells community. I acknowledge the sponsors: LiveLighter, the Western Australian government, Primewest, Lotterywest and Examiner Newspapers.

*Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm*