

BUILDING BETTER REGIONS

**370. Hon COLIN HOLT to the Minister for Regional Development:**

The federal government recently announced Building Better Regions funding for the Quambie Park Waroona Inc aged-care accommodation project. Given that the state is yet to commit to this and a number of other projects also funded by the Building Better Regions program, I ask —

- (1) Will the minister honour the previous government's royalties for regions commitments to regional projects announced by the federal government under the Building Better Regions fund?
- (2) If no to (1), will the minister commit to the Quambie Park Waroona Inc aged-care project?
- (3) If no to (2), does the minister agree that this puts this very worthwhile project at risk due to the withdrawal of state funding?

**Hon ALANNAH MacTIERNAN replied:**

I thank the member for notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) We welcome at last a little bit of federal government funding for regional Western Australia. I hope that the member is out there ringing his mates in the National Party and suggesting that those water projects at Myalup–Wellington and Manjimup, for which we have been waiting and waiting for federal funding, should actually get a bit of federal funding, because they are at risk if we do not get that federal funding. We welcome this tiny little allocation for regional Western Australia. Certainly, this will be taken into account as we do our review of the expenditure under royalties for regions, as we have said we will do. The fact that there is federal funding obviously is one of the considerations that we will bear in mind in undertaking that review.