

WITHERS URBAN RENEWAL

**451. Hon ADELE FARINA to the minister representing the Minister for Regional Development:**

I refer to John Castrilli's media release dated 15 January 2013 announcing a \$1.5 million funding contribution from the South West Development Commission for initial works for the Withers revitalisation, of which \$300 000 would be made available to immediately improve parks and playground areas in Withers.

- (1) Has a decision been made on how the \$300 000 will be spent; and, if yes, list the projects to be undertaken and the funding for each project?
- (2) Is the funding currently available; and, if yes, when will works commence?
- (3) If no to (2), what is the delay in making the funding available?
- (4) Does the minister agree that the whole of the \$300 000 is to be spent on improving parks and playground areas in Withers?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes. An early and comprehensive improvement of parks and playground equipment will be undertaken as the first phase of the project, with a particular focus on Des Ugle Park, Moriarty Park and Ashrose Reserve, \$100 000; funding of Place Manager, \$45 000; security lighting in public access walkways and closed-circuit television coverage of Withers library, \$30 000; and the installation of two bus stop shelters and dual use pathways to assist in connecting related parkland development with the aim of improving access and mobility, \$125 000.
- (2) Yes. Initial park works are expected to commence by 3 September 2013.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The funding will be spent as above.