

**SHIRLEY GLOVER — COMMUNITY WORK**

*Statement by Member for Gosnells*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [12.55 pm]: I rise to congratulate Shirley Glover on her anti-poverty work. Shirley Glover has been a paralegal worker at the Gosnells Community Legal Centre since 1990. She assists people who are experiencing financial problems, tenancy concerns and a range of legal difficulties. Her extensive knowledge and skills have been used to improve the lives of many individuals and families in Gosnells and the wider south east metropolitan area. She assists on a one-to-one basis, provides community legal education sessions on request, assists clients appearing in courts or at appeal hearings, and contributes to various networks within the community sector. Shirley has been one of the most knowledgeable and supportive members of her local community. Shirley not only works in the sector, but also continuously makes connections with and assists local agencies working for the benefit of the wider community. Some projects she has instigated include organising local annual Anti-Poverty Weeks, improving the coordination of local school assistance programs, providing presentations at church-based free evening meal functions and promoting the availability of support services to various audiences. In addition, Shirley hosted a forum to develop disability service standards for people from culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Shirley is always positive about new projects and actively encourages existing organisations and emerging groups to learn about each other's aims and to work together to meet the ever-changing needs and gaps in service delivery. Her knowledge, positive outlook, non-judgemental manner and willingness to share her expertise have helped engage and educate a new generation of community workers. Well done, Shirley.