

PERRY LAKES PRECINCT

620. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Planning:

I have been watching with great interest the progress this government is making at the Perry Lakes development in Floreat —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I am formally going to call you for the first time today. I suggest to the members for Cannington and Willagee that they focus on the matter before the house.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker.

Mr A.J. Waddell interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The member for Forrestfield will get to ask a question one day.

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Do not worry, member for Forrestfield—they will give you a guernsey one day! Be patient!

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Will the minister please update the house on the history of the Perry Lakes precinct, the amount of land that will be released and, also, when the auctions are likely to occur?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

I am very happy to do so, and it is timely to observe, with the Commonwealth Games having been conducted in New Delhi in India over the past two weeks, that the Perry Lakes stadium and athletics track and related facilities were constructed for the 1962 British Commonwealth Games.

Mr C.J. Barnett: I was there!

Mr J.H.D. DAY: The member for Cottesloe was there. I know this issue is of great interest to the member for Cottesloe. The Attorney General's father won a silver medal for high jump. This has a lot of interest for members of Parliament. The member for Albany has had a distinguished record there, too, I understand. There is clearly a lot of history on the Perry Lakes site.

The athletics track and the stadium have been well used for 40 to 45 years. The concept of redeveloping the site and developing new sporting facilities and having an urban redevelopment on the former athletics track site has been under consideration for quite some years, I understand. The longer term members of this house would be aware of that. I am aware that, although it well predates my role as Minister for Planning, the Town of Cambridge had a proposal that did not end up coming to fruition, and the state then became involved about 2004. The Perry Lakes Redevelopment Act was passed with bipartisan support in 2005. That, fortunately, led to the redevelopment of some of the sporting facilities, such as the new basketball centre, the athletics track, and the rugby centre that is currently under construction.

The residential development on the site will be a very important project from an urban infill point of view. It will make much better use of land not far from the Perth CBD—it is well located—and it will result in slightly in excess of 600 residential units ultimately being constructed on the site. These will range from traditional stand-alone blocks through to apartments.

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

Mr J.H.D. DAY: In this particular project, I do not think there is a social housing component, but that is the case in a lot of projects undertaken by the government. The provision of apartments will ensure that good use is made of the site and that much more affordable accommodation will be available than would otherwise have been the case.

To answer the other part of the member's question, the first auction of lots in the garden precinct will occur on Saturday, 4 December, commencing at 10.00 am. There will be 17 lots in the auction. The garden precinct consists of 38 lots in total, and the 17 lots that will be auctioned range in size from 308 to 739 square metres. That is a very significant step forward in the redevelopment of the Perry Lakes site, and I am aware that more than 1 000 people have registered an interest in purchasing a lot. Therefore, there will clearly be a lot of interest when that auction is held, and, hopefully, it will play a significant role in recouping some of the significant amount of funds put forward by the government for the redevelopment of the sporting facilities that I referred to.

It is also worth noting that much of the timber seating from inside the athletics stadium has been recycled as boardwalks around the edge of East Lake to ensure good use of the timber that was used for seating facilities and also to ensure that facilities of very great amenity can be created for local residents and visitors to the area.