

JMH GROUP — HEAVY-VEHICLE BRAKE TESTING FACILITY — GERALDTON

Statement by Member for Geraldton

MS L. DALTON (Geraldton) [12.26 pm]: The regional economic development grants program has once again delivered for business and people in the electorate of Geraldton. The Minister for Regional Development, Alannah MacTiernan, officially opened the midwest's first heavy-vehicle brake testing facility at JMH Group in Geraldton recently. The McGowan government provided a \$66 700 grant through its regional economic development grants program to help build local capabilities. The Geraldton facility will see maintenance and servicing of heavy vehicles occur in Geraldton, rather than taking place in Perth. The new equipment provides for brake testing, steering and suspension inspection, and weighing vehicles in one drive-through process, reducing downtime and identifying faults before failures occur. The project has created five jobs over 12 months and facilitated the training and upskilling of employees, including apprentices, in the heavy automotive and mining industry. JMH Group was also recognised as the Mid West Chamber of Commerce and Industry business of the year for 2021. Huge congratulations to JMH Group, in particular Leah and Jaydon Hirst. Well done for accessing the RED grants program. I would encourage others to do so. Well done for having the vision to bring these services to Geraldton and well done for being recognised by your peers as the 2021 business of the year.