



Speech By Hon. Tim Mander

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Hon. TL MANDER (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (5.10 pm): In making my contribution, it is very difficult to go past the Deputy Leader of the Opposition's contribution. His main focus was on ego. When it comes to ego, the Deputy Leader of the Opposition is a subject expert. He leaves Donald Trump, Kanye West and even Kevin Rudd in his wake when it comes to ego.

I have a role for the Deputy Leader of the Opposition when it comes to the Olympic and Paralympic Games. I suggest that we bring out the Binna Burra bell that he found and polished following the fires at Binna Burra and we take it to Victoria Park and he ring it on the last lap of the 1,500 metres—ting-a-ling-1 That will be the role that the Deputy Leader of the Opposition can play at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

One of the key elements of the delivery plan is the Games On! program that is funding community sports all over Queensland. There have been around 150 commitments.

Mr Head interjected.

Mr MANDER: Yes, the member for Callide will be getting something. In fact, I feel like Oprah: everybody is going to get a prize. I see the member for Hinchinbrook in the chamber. The member for Hinchinbrook is critical of the games, but he is getting \$973,000 for the Ingham tennis courts under the Games On! program. The member for Hill wants a swimming pool at Ravenshoe. The only chance he has of getting that is through the Games On! program. I say to the Labor Party members who have been wasting their time writing to me about the commitments: don't waste your time because you are getting every one of them. Every commitment made by the LNP during the last election will be delivered, whether we won a seat or not, because we recognise how important community sport is. We want to make sure that no matter where people live in this state they can point to a clubhouse, to a field, to a court, to some floodlights and say, 'We've got that because of the 2032 games.' We will deliver the community sports facilities that Queenslanders deserve and that will produce the champions of the future.

(Time expired)