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 **Hon. TL MANDER** (Everton—LNP) (Minister for Sport and Racing and Minister for the Olympic and Paralympic Games) (10.04 am): Last week was a very exciting week as we launched our 2032 Delivery Plan for the games that will be held in Brisbane and right across the state. Of course, there were some grand announcements, including the big announcement about a new stadium at Victoria Park which will end up being the third largest stadium in Australia. The national aquatics centre at Centenary Pool will be the greatest aquatics centre in the world. The upgrade of the Queensland Tennis Centre at Tennyson will be the best centre outside of Melbourne. Infrastructure program after infrastructure program was announced.

The other thing we cannot neglect is the fact that there will be a record investment in our community sporting organisations through our Games On! Program because we want to make sure that not only our young people but also everybody involved with sport has the best facilities so we can encourage them to participate and, of course, dream about what might be possible for them in 2032. There is announcement after announcement. There are 150 of them so I do not have time to mention them all now, but I will announce a few.

At Redcliffe—\$150,000 for the Redcliffe Dolphins Soccer Club. In Pumicestone—\$170,000 to resurface the netball courts at the Bribie Island Netball Club. At Caloundra—a million dollars for lighting for four Caloundra sports club, including the Caloundra Senior Rugby League Club, the Pelican Waters Bowls Club, Baringa Football Club and Caloundra Rugby Union Club. Of course, there is funding not just for government seats but for seats right across the state. The LNP makes commitments for seats we do not currently hold. The Nerang Roosters will get \$600,000 for new facilities at Gaven. The Bundaberg Netball Association will get \$620,000 to upgrade facilities. The Centenary Stormers Football Club at Mount Ommaney will get \$300,000 for lighting upgrades. Everybody across the state will benefit from Games On!

Unlike those opposite when they were in government, we will fulfil every promise. I did a quick check with the department last week. There are still 15 unfulfilled promises from Labor's 2020 commitments with regard to sporting facilities. I do want to highlight one of them: female dressing rooms at the Souths Rugby Union Club in the electorate of Miller. That cannot be delivered. Why? 'Insufficient funds'. The member for Miller has the temerity to write to me about a commitment that we have made to the same club for \$1 million to upgrade the clubhouse because he knows the only way his commitment will be fulfilled is by the LNP committing to it.

We are committed to upgrading the facilities for sporting groups in our state. The previous government was neglectful. There is no greater example than a letter I recently received from the member for Bundamba who is looking for money for a clubhouse at the Dinmore Bushrats Soccer and Sports Club. Unfortunately, they have been without a clubhouse since their previous clubhouse was

subject to an arson attack, and the club has continued to operate for years—for years—out of containers and sheds. They have not had a proper clubhouse facility to call home even as their enrolments have continued to grow season after season. I encourage the Dinmore Bushrats to wait for the next Games On! funding because what those opposite would not deliver, we will.