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**Kingston Electorate: Federation and
Cultural Heritage Projects Program**

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Mr COX (Kingston)—The Hackham West Community Centre is currently staging the musical *Superbia* . It deals with some of the myths and stereotypes about gangs, drugs, graffiti, single parents and unemployment which the media have inflicted on people living there. The lyrics of one of the 15 songs include the words:

So often people lay the blame

For a suburb's dubious fame

On the people living there

Which really isn't fair.

I was pleased to see that the *Advertiser* ran an editorial reflecting exactly that view. It is the first project in the federal electorate of Kingston to benefit from the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program.

Mr SPEAKER—Order! It being after 2 p.m., the time for members' statements has concluded.