

Crack squad return from Canberra with

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2 To add insult to injury, how much did they burn on that Canberra visit? The Premier, Health Minister, Aged Care Minister and an army of advisers described as a “crack squad”, flew to the nation’s capital to ask for more aged-care funding even though the PM and Federal Health Minister had indicated their view was they were doing enough. The crack squad quickly morphed into the doughnut squad because that’s what they came back with, nothing.

3 That story of the crack squad in Tuesday’s West was accompanied by a photo of the Premier with 11 West Australian Federal Labor MPs. Correct me if I’m wrong, but aren’t they there to represent the interests of West Australians and fight for what our State needs? If they were doing their jobs, would the crack squad have needed to get on the plane?

4 You can see the pattern, spending is out of control and they’ve forgotten how to govern. This week it was revealed the plan to manage the winter surge in our hospitals was only released three days before winter started. How’s that for taking your eye off the

ball. Yet not only did the Government find the \$217.5 million needed for the Burswood racetrack, they managed to start the drilling and sign the construction contracts in record time. Interesting priorities.

5 The icing on the cake, the Treasurer is gallivanting around Europe trying to organise a soccer match. That’ll fix our hospitals.

6 It was a pleasure to visit WA’s premier agricultural event this week, the Dowerin Machinery Field Days. We regularly celebrate our resources industry but we should never forget the contribution to WA of our farmers, primary producers and agribusinesses.