

NURSING

Statement

HON MARTIN PRITCHARD (North Metropolitan) [9.45 pm]: On Sunday at 1.30 am, a 55-year-old nurse at Royal Perth Hospital was stabbed in the neck by a patient while trying to look after the patient involved. I just wanted to pass on my biggest appreciation, best wishes and hope for the speedy recovery of that nurse. I see nurses in this state as part of our front line against the problems of the state, particularly with the increased use of methamphetamine and the dangers that staff in emergency departments face every day on our behalf. I would like to remind members of the petition that I lodged in this place on 20 February seeking service recognition for our nurses. I want to wish Paul Walling and Medals for Nurses my best wishes on their hopeful success into the future, when we might see nurses in this state receive recognition of their service on our behalf.