

**SWIMMING LESSONS — SUBSIDIES**

*Petition*

**MR P. PAPALIA (Warnbro)** [2.52 pm]: I have a petition bearing 16 signatures certified as compliant with standing orders, which reads as follows —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned residents of Western Australia, respectfully call on the Government to, at the earliest opportunity, extend to all primary school children in the metropolitan area, irrespective of whether they attend a government or private school, access to a subsidy for swimming lessons.

At present only government primary school students receive this subsidy which places hardship on many private schools especially in low socio-economic areas and deprives many children of the basic right of learning to swim.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request the Legislative Assembly ensure that an equal opportunity is provided to all Western Australian primary school children to access a subsidy for swimming lessons.

Your petitioners therefore humbly pray that you will give this matter earnest consideration and your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See petition 187.]