

**HOSPITALS AND SCHOOLS — ESSENTIAL SERVICES PRIVATISATION**

*Petition*

**MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells)** [12.04 pm]: I have another petition to table, and it has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house. It reads —

To the Honourable the speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled. We, the undersigned, say the State Government should not privatise services in any hospital including Midland Hospital, Fiona Stanley Hospital, Albany Hospital and the new children's hospital. Schools and hospitals are essential services that should be publicly owned and run. Public ownership is crucial in providing a system of accountability and responsibility to ensure high standards of quality and care. Privatisation of essential services in schools and hospitals has failed in the past and will fail again. The Western Australia government can afford to provide us with quality public services, and we the undersigned do not want our schools and hospitals privatised.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to urge the Premier Colin Barnett to desist with his Government's privatisation agenda for hospitals and schools

The petition has been signed by 66 petitioners.

[See petition 508.]