

BIRDS — QUARANTINE CHARGES

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [12.01 pm]: I have a petition regarding the quarantine charges being waged on members of the Finch Society of Western Australia, which 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 proposed Quarantine charges for the importation of birds from interstate are excessive at \$43.25 per 15 minutes of inspection time.

These charges will prevent most people from being able to afford to bring birds in from interstate to West Australia to extend the existing blood lines. This will result in some of the pure-bred species currently kept in WA becoming extinct as cross-breeding and inter-breeding will occur.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly

To support the Finch Society of WA (Inc) in conserving, maintaining and improving available species for future generations by pressing for our members to be exempt from paying these charges.

The petition has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house and it has been signed by 21 petitioners.

[See petition 634.]