

PUBLIC SCHOOLS — RESOURCES

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [4.22 pm]: I have a number of petitions to table. The first petition relates to staffing and funding cuts to education. 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 we are opposed to the funding and staff cuts occurring to public schools and are deeply concerned about the negative impact that these will have on the quality of education for children in Western Australia.

Funding and staff cuts include at least 500 jobs abolished, 30% cut to School Support Program Resource Allocation (SSPRA), a levy on schools to meet the cost of long service leave, 1.5% cut in the procurement budget and a freeze on teacher numbers.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to call on the Barnett Government to protect schools and students from these harsh budget cuts.

The petition has been certified to conform to the standing orders of the house and has been signed by 29 petitioners.

[See petition 179.]