

GOSNELLS POLICE AND COMMUNITY YOUTH CENTRE

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [2.50 pm]: I have a petition concerning the removal of police officers from police and community youth centres. 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 that the Gosnells PCYC is an important community asset and we are strongly opposed to the Barnett Government's plan to remove Police Officers and Police Department staff from the centre.

The PCYC plays an important role in diverting children at risk away from criminal activity and anti-social behaviour. The opportunity for young people to interact with positive role models and develop trusting relationships with police and community members is an investment in the future of our community.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to ensure the continued future of the Gosnells PCYC and ensure that sufficient resources and funding are allocated to enable that to occur.

The petition has been signed by 38 people, and it has been certified as conforming to the standing orders of the house. I table the petition.

[See petition 556.]