

PUBLIC SCHOOLS — RESOURCES REDUCTION

Petition

MR C.J. TALLENTIRE (Gosnells) [3.04 pm]: I have a petition relating to staffing and funding cuts to education. The petition 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 bears 68 signatures and it has been endorsed as confirming to the standing orders of the house.

[See petition 312.]