

TEACHER SHORTAGE

Petition

HON MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM (South West) [11.01 am]: I present a petition containing 855 signatures couched in the following terms —

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully request that the Parliament of Western Australia give serious and due consideration to the current teacher shortage crisis in Western Australian public schools. Without the identification and implementation of attraction and retention measures for teachers and administrators the crisis will deepen.

Your petitioners therefore respectfully request that the Legislative Council support the necessary growth in the 2008 State Budget to allow for:

- Significant increases in salaries for teachers and administrators
- Substantial increases in allowances to meet the high costs of living in country and remote areas
- Career structures that reward teachers for remaining in classrooms
- The adequate supply of appropriate GROH housing in country and remote areas.

And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

[See paper 3687.]