

**PROSTITUTION BILL 2011**

*Petition*

**MR P. ABETZ (Southern River)** [12.01 pm]: I have a petition from 193 petitioners regarding the Prostitution Bill 2011, which states —

To the Honourable the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We, the undersigned, all being residents of Western Australia, do not support legal brothels as it legitimises and encourages the exploitation of women. Premier Colin Barnett committed to an investigation of the Swedish law that prohibits the purchase of sexual services prior to the last election at the Australian Christian Lobby's Make It Count event.

We therefore ask that the Legislative Assembly:

- Fully investigate the Swedish law by sending a Minister to Sweden to report back to Parliament
- Commit to a time frame of phasing out all brothels

Several members interjected.

**Mr P. ABETZ:** I have been already. The petition continues —

- Commit to making it illegal to purchase a woman for the purposes of prostitution, pimping and operating a brothel.

We ask that the Legislative Assembly amend the *Prostitution Bill 2011* to reflect these changes

[See petition 589.]

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cockburn, I think you have a petition.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I do. Thank you, Mr Speaker.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** He was just a bit distracted.

**Mr F.M. LOGAN:** I am very easily distracted when it comes to the member for Vasse and Viking helmets.