

FIREFIGHTERS — CANCER RISK

Petition

MR D.A. TEMPLEMAN (Mandurah) [9.03 am]: I have a petition that has been signed by 40 petitioners. It conforms with the standing orders, and is couched in the following terms —

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 there is compelling medical research that there is a markedly increased potential for fire fighters to be affected by certain forms of cancer as a direct consequence of their occupation. This increased risk should be reflected in workers' compensation laws.

Now we ask the Legislative Assembly to acknowledge that under present law a family of a fire fighter faces financial hardship where occupationally acquired cancer is contracted and to ensure that laws are enacted to redress this unjust situation without further delay.

[See petition 601.]