

**SOPHIE CAPPATI**

*Statement by Member for Riverton*

**DR J. KRISHNAN (Riverton)** [12.51 pm]: I acknowledge Sophie Cappati, who is in the public gallery today, along with her mother, Daniela, and her brother, Samuele. Sophie is an 11-year-old from Burrendah Primary School who will represent WA in the national school sports swimming competition. She is leaving for Brisbane on 16 August to participate in the race on 19 August. Sophie has been training from a young age. She initially started with a fear of getting into the water, but after spending a summer with the family at the beach, she gained confidence and now trains continuously. A couple of years back, she was participating in a competition and two other girls were way ahead of her. On the day of the competition she went to her parents and said, “I’m going to perform my personal best and beat the record”, and she did that. That is when she was recognised as a champion. I take this opportunity to thank her coaches Stefano, Sarah and also her dad, Davide, who constantly puts in efforts to coach her to perform the best. I am sure she will make Riverton and WA proud in excelling in the upcoming championship. I wish her all the best.