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[ASSEMBLY - Wednesday, 9 April 2003] p6469d-6470a Mr Rob Johnson

NEUROTRAUMA RESEARCH PROGRAM

Petition

MR R.F. JOHNSON (Hillarys) [12.08 pm]: Members are often asked to present petitions with which they do not necessarily agree. On this occasion, I wholeheartedly endorse the contents of this petition. The petition reads as follows -

PETITION FOR A PORTION OF "SPEEDING CAMERA" REVENUE TO BE DIRECTED TO TRAUMATIC BRAIN AND SPINAL CORD INJURY RESEARCH.

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

We the undersigned hereby petition for the continued funding of the Neurotrauma Research Program and its scientific team whose work we believe is vital in the quest to develop therapies to treat and alleviate brain and spinal cord injuries.

Furthermore, recognising that approximately 50 % of all brain and spinal cord injuries occur as a result of Road Crashes we wholeheartedly support the funding of this program via an allocation from MultaNova "speed camera" infringements as we believe it is highly appropriate and relevant to dedicate "speed camera" revenue to this important road safety issue.

Now we ask that the Legislative Assembly call upon the Premier; the Deputy Premier; the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, the Minister for Health, the Minister for Local Government and the Minister for planning and Infrastructure to take what action is necessary to ensure that the level of support and commitment towards Neurotrauma Research in this State is maintained and developed.

The petition bears 392 signatures and I certify that it conforms to the standing orders of the Legislative Assembly.

The SPEAKER: I direct that the petition be brought to the Table of the House.

[See petition No 137.]