

POLICE — OPERATION REGIONAL SHIELD — KIMBERLEY

929. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to police in the Kimberley region.

- (1) In the last six months, how many officers in the Kimberley region have —
 - (a) retired;
 - (b) resigned;
 - (c) taken annual or extended leave; and
 - (d) requested a transfer out of the region?
- (2) How many police officers who were originally part of Operation Regional Shield have remained in, or returned to, the Kimberley region since their initial deployment there?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The Western Australia Police Force advises —

- (1)
 - (a) The number is zero.
 - (b) The number is four.
 - (c) Two hundred and sixty officers have taken annual leave and 14 have taken extended leave.
 - (d) A response to this question cannot be provided within the required time frame. The honourable member may wish to place this part of the question on notice.
- (2) Deployments of officers in relation to Operation Regional Shield are subject to the direction of the Commissioner of Police as required by operational demands.