

BELMONT POLICE STATION

Statement by Member for Belmont

MS C.M. ROWE (Belmont) [12.58 pm]: Community safety is an important issue for many locals in my electorate. I am proud to be part of a government that recognises this and strives to make Western Australian communities safer. Whilst we have delivered an additional 950 police officers across the state and invested \$21 million in establishing the Meth Border Force, which has led to record drug seizures, we have also invested in keeping our suburbs safer. Locally in Belmont, we have a newly upgraded police station. The McGowan government's \$5 million investment to upgrade and expand Belmont Police Station was very much needed and has gone a long way towards modernising the workplace for our local police force. Importantly, this significant upgrade provides Belmont Police Station with greater capacity to house more police officers, of course at the discretion of the commissioner. The result of this valuable investment is that urgent services can be delivered more efficiently. This major upgrade to one of the busiest police stations in the metropolitan area highlights the government's strong stance on tackling community crime. Most importantly, this investment supports a safer Belmont.

I also take this opportunity to extend my appreciation to the hardworking police officers in my electorate. Their commitment to making our community a safer place is no easy task, and I deeply respect the work they do. I especially recognise Sergeant Trisha Stjepic, who was named the 2022 Police Officer of the Year. It is a fantastic and huge achievement to receive this prestigious award.

Sitting suspended from 1.00 to 2.00 pm