

CORONAVIRUS — POLICE RESOURCES

787. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to additional resources for the Western Australia Police Force during the COVID crisis.

Can the minister please outline, by way of a monetary figure and FTE staff numbers, what additional resources have been provided to the Western Australia Police Force since March to appropriately and adequately manage the additional responsibilities and duties it has had to undertake since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, particularly to maintain the hard border and quarantine arrivals in Western Australia?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises that \$126.3 million has been provided, which comprises \$91.2 million, which is made up of \$73.4 million for the recruitment of 150 additional police officers and \$17.8 million to expand police tracking and tracing capabilities; and \$35.1 million to meet additional operational costs incurred by the WA Police Force.