

POLICE — OPERATION REGIONAL SHIELD

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

I refer to the minister's response to question without notice 196.

- (1) How many arrests have been made in relation to Operation Regional Shield?
- (2) In what circumstances are juveniles identified as at-risk normally referred to the Department of Communities?
- (3) In relation to the 322 at-risk juveniles identified in (2) of question without notice 196, on what basis were the 40 identified as requiring referral to the Department of Communities selected?
- (4) Were attempts made to refer any of the remaining 282 at-risk juveniles to the Department of Communities; and, if no, why not?

Hon SAMANTHA ROWE replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. I answer on behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

- (1) There have been 66.
- (2) Where police have concerns for the ongoing safety or wellbeing of juveniles, the Department of Communities is formally advised.
- (3) It was based on when police moved juveniles to a safe place and held ongoing concerns for their safety or wellbeing.
- (4) Although 40 formal referrals were made, the details of the remaining juveniles engaged during Operation Regional Shield were provided by police to the Department of Communities.