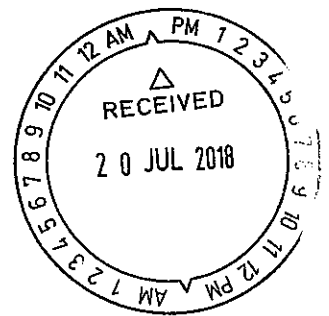


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Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
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Dear Ms Clohesy

Thank you for your letter regarding the questions on notice and additional questions subsequent to the 2018-19 Budget Estimates Hearings.

Please find the answers enclosed.

Yours sincerely

**HON MICHELLE ROBERTS BA DipEd MLA
MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY**

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Hon Tjorn Sibma MLC asked:

What we often, obviously, see in budget papers is the capital cost of acquisition but are you in any position to identify what the through-life support costs might be for this new helicopter on an annualised basis?

There is a model upon which you could foreseeably estimate what your ongoing recurrent costs are going to be.

Mr DAWSON: The answer in terms of dollar amounts I am unable to presently here provide. We may be able to provide some further information, should that be further sought. Certainly, the efficiencies, aside from the procurement, we would be seeking would be to optimise our existing personnel fleet. The recurrent costs, particularly with pilots, staffing and the technical flight officers et cetera and of course the maintenance schedule, we would be seeking to optimise by having both airframes of the same type. That is our strategic aim. In terms of recurrent costs per annum, it will of course depend on the number of hours flown and the type of deployments that will be required.

RESPONSE

The Western Australia Police Force advise that no decision has been made on the type or specifications of the helicopter purchase. Once the selection has been completed the WA Police Force will be in a better position to provide the ongoing recurrent costs.

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Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

What I would like is: for the 2018–19 budget year, what recommendations did the Road Safety Council make to the minister for expenditure from the road trauma trust account? What I want to then work out is which projects will not proceed because of the allocation of funds for the procurement of a new police helicopter.

In 2018-19, the allocation for the police helicopter is \$287,000. The Government's commitment to providing the Western Australia Police Force with a helicopter will be taken into account when determining expenditure from the Road Trauma Trust Account in the outyears.

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Hon Aaron Stonehouse MLC asked:

What income is derived from traffic infringements?

The Road Safety Commission advise that as at 31 May 2018, \$93.4 million was generated through photograph-based vehicle infringements from speed and red-light cameras. For the same period, \$25.4 million was collected by the Department of Transport for on the spot infringements issued by Western Australian Police Force Officers.

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Hon Aaron Stonehouse MLC asked:

I refer to page 341 and the income statement. Can you advise what income is derived from criminal property confiscation, be that crime-derived, crime-used or unexplained wealth?

The Western Australia Police advise that the money seized by the Western Australia Police Force under the Criminal Property Confiscation Act 2000, does not form part of the Controlled Income Statement shown on page 341 of Budget Paper No.2. The cash is held in a WA Police Force suspense account and dependent on the outcome of the investigation and/or prosecution it is either returned to the rightful owner or paid into the Confiscation Trust Account administered by the Office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

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Hon Michael Mischin MLC asked:

Turning to page 114 of volume 3, just as a convenient means of doing it, there is stated in the summary, under "Election Commitments", "Senior Executive Service Reductions", and reductions in the order of half a million dollars over each of this year and the succeeding three years, and expenditure in this coming year of \$13.5 million on the voluntary targeted separation scheme, and then some figures into the forward estimates there. Can you indicate just how many members of the senior executive service are having their services dispensed with in order to make up those savings; also, under the voluntary targeted separation scheme, how many people seem to be having their services dispensed with in the police, and what those positions are likely to be?

What sorts of services are we going to have to do without as a result of the voluntary separation scheme? I presume that these people will not be replaced if they are not required at the moment.

What I am interested in is what the nature of those positions might be or was, and whether the work that those people were doing has been simply reallocated or they are being replaced by some new positions being created at some different level. Can I have that information perhaps by way of a supplementary answer?

The Western Australia Police Force advise that one senior executive positions was reduced, the Director from the Office of the Commissioner of Police. The Road Safety Commission advise that one senior executive position was reduced, the Director from the Road Safety Commission.

Services will not be cut as a result of the scheme. Sworn positions will be backfilled to return the WA Police Force to full strength by the end of 2019.