

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN EMERGENCY RADIO NETWORK — PROVISION OF HANDSETS

**1064. Hon SUE ELLERY to the minister representing the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer to a meeting of the Shire of Augusta–Margaret River’s Local Emergency Management Committee on 22 November 2011 and to a reference in that meeting that local police were still to be provided with handsets for the new Western Australian emergency radio network.

- (1) Have WAERN handsets been provided to police in the Margaret River region?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did this occur and how many handsets have been provided?
- (3) Is WAERN fully operational in the Margaret River region?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

On behalf of the Minister for Energy who represents the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1) The WAERN project provided 80 radios to WA Police in April 2011. WAPOL has confirmed that at this stage radios identified for the South West region have not been distributed but are due to be distributed shortly.
- (2) Refer to answer to question (1).
- (3) Yes.