

MT MAGNET POLICE STATION

**1207. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:**

I refer to the area serviced by the Mt Magnet Police Station.

- (1) How many police officers are located at this police station?
- (2) Does the staffing level meet at all times the operational requirements of the area serviced by the Mt Magnet Police Station?
- (3) Does this staffing level ensure that public safety is not compromised when police officers are on patrol to outlying areas or are on prisoner escort duty?

**Hon JON FORD replied:**

I thank Hon Ken Baston for some notice of the question. The Minister for Police and Emergency Services has supplied the following answer -

- (1) Due to operational sensitivities, specific information relating to the staffing levels of individual police stations is not released. Resources are principally allocated at a district level and district superintendents deploy these resources within their districts to provide the best possible policing service to meet operational requirements and the varying needs of the communities. Presently, there is one constable vacancy at the Mt Magnet Police Station for which the call for applications closes on 29 November 2007.
- (2) Yes. When required, support is obtained from neighbouring police stations and major centres such as Geraldton, Carnarvon and Meekatharra, together with specialist support services from the mid-west and Gascoyne districts, which includes forensics, volume crime teams, district task forces, the mid-west and Gascoyne traffic unit, the canine unit and detectives.
- (3) Diverting police away from operational duties to conduct duties such as prisoner escorts places pressure on available resources.