

POLICE OFFICERS — POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER

1510. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:

What measures does Western Australian Police service have in place to assist officers diagnosed with post traumatic stress disorder?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

Where a police officer has been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), WA Police will provide immediate counselling support. Should it be determined the officer requires ongoing assistance then, in the absence of a general practitioner referral, arrangements will be made for the officer to receive independent treatment and other formal interventions.

WA Police also provides officers with PTSD financial support through the payment of required and necessary treatment interventions, under the mechanisms of a work related injury.

Where an officer who has PTSD medically retires, there is additional support provided through the payment for ongoing medical and other expenses which the officer requires in retirement as per the *Police (Medical and Other Expenses for Former Officers) Act*.