

WA POLICE — STATIONS

221. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Minister for Police:

Could the minister please update the house on the Liberal–National government’s investment in local police stations around Western Australia?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Morley for this question and for his continuing interest in ensuring that our police officers and police staff have the best facilities and the best resources at their disposal in this state.

Since being elected in 2008, the Liberal–National government has invested over \$134 million in capital for new, refurbished and expanded police facilities across the state. That is more than double the \$52 million invested by the previous government between July 2001 and June 2005. We are therefore very pleased to go out to the community of Western Australia —

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the second time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We are very pleased to report to the house that as a result of this incredible investment in the capital works program for police, we have now managed to improve the investment in 112 different police facilities across the state, ranging from police stations and specialist support services to administrative and support buildings and other WA police premises. I very recently had the pleasure of opening the \$8.1 million new Mount Magnet Police Station, which now contains state-of-the-art equipment. Mt Magnet has in the past been a fairly difficult place to police and this will allow those police officers at Mount Magnet Police Station to effectively police their jurisdiction from a state-of-the-art facility.

The member for Morley and you, Mr Speaker, will be very pleased to hear that we are progressing with the \$14.719 million west metropolitan district upgrade. That upgraded accommodation project has now commenced at the Morley facility. We will upgrade Morley Police Station to give it the capacity to accommodate up to 80 police officers into the future who will be policing that district. The member for Morley has had a keen interest —

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I know that this is unpopular with those opposite. They do not like the fact that we have managed to build on time and on budget a \$93 million new Perth police complex now accommodating up to 500 police officers and police staff. We are providing fantastic facilities for our police officers. Indeed, we are expanding the facilities so that we can accommodate the 720 additional police and police auxiliary officers that were promised at the last election to be delivered by this government.

We are also spending an additional \$8 million on the replacement of the existing facility at Mundijong—the Minister for Local Government is really excited about that—and have acquired a site on Mundijong Road.

The member for West Swan is the only member of the house who I think in her heart of hearts does not want a police station in her electorate and would like to see a broken promise on this. However, I am pleased to inform the house that we are now conducting due diligence on a site for Ballajura police station, which will provide 24-hour coverage to those people in that district.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Are you finished, member for Warnbro?

Mr P. Papalia: I might be.

The SPEAKER: Minister.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Just to recap, we are very proud of our commitment to this \$134 million capital works project, and we are very pleased to be expanding the footprint of our police and providing accommodation for our additional police and police auxiliary officers across the state.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I look forward to visiting the electorates of the various members of the house as we commence the openings and upgrades of these facilities as we roll out the program over the next four years.