

POLICE — METHAMPHETAMINE ENFORCEMENT PLAN

4567. Ms M.M. Quirk to the Minister for Police:

- (1) I refer to the methamphetamine enforcement plan to be implemented by Western Australian Police (WAPOL) organised crime squad and I ask:
  - (a) does this plan involve any additional personnel in the squad, and if so how many, sworn or unsworn and at what level?
- (2) Is your reference to targeting supply routes different in any material particular to this standard practice in most organised crime investigations?
- (3) As a result of this plan have any/additional WAPOL officers been seconded to the Australian Crime Commission or the Australian Federal police?
- (4) Was the joint organised crime task force in existence prior to the formulation of this plan?
- (5) Can you confirm that collaboration between WAPOL, Australian Crime Commission, Immigration and Border Protection, Australian Transaction Reports and Analysis Centre (AUSTRAC) and the Australian Federal Police has occurred routinely in law enforcement over many years and has not commenced solely since the plan was formulated?
- (6) Have officers from other agencies been co-located at WAPOL organised crime squad since the commencement of this plan? If so, how many and from what agencies?
- (7) Does the occupant of the methamphetamine intelligence desk do anything additional to or differently from standard intelligence gathering practice?

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

- (1) (a) Yes. 15 Detectives have been seconded from within the State Crime Portfolio and 6 Police Officers have been re-assigned to establish the Meth Desk. The Organised Crime Squad will receive an additional 35 officers, of which 12 positions have been filled with the remainder to be filled incrementally by April 2016.
- (2) Yes. Through key partnerships with the Australian Border Force and the Australian Federal Police, WA Police have gained the capability to detect and intercept meth in the mail/parcel streams.
- (3) Yes
- (4) Yes. The WA Joint Organised Crime Taskforce commenced operation in April 2015 and was officially launched on 19 June 2015. The Taskforce was conceptualised during the draft phase of the Meth Enforcement Action Plan.
- (5) Yes, but the current level of collaboration and coordination has improved dramatically in recent years.
- (6) No
- (7) Yes. The Meth Desk interrogates information received from a wide range of sources and provides intelligence to allow the Meth Teams to apply investigative actions.