

POLICE — RESOURCING

212. Mr M.J. COWPER to the Minister for Police:

It is important that my former colleagues in the Western Australia Police have appropriate facilities to respond to the needs of the community. Can the minister please advise the house how the Liberal–National government is ensuring that the Western Australia Police have the resources they need to fight crime and antisocial behaviour?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Murray–Wellington for his question. I was particularly pleased last week to visit the member for Murray–Wellington’s electorate for the opening of the new Waroona Police Station, a \$2.5 million project that will enable Waroona police officers to grow their capacity for up to 10 officers. Waroona Police Station now has custom-made secure detainee receipt areas. It has a reception area and an interview room that are state of the art. There is a gym for officers so that they can look after their health and wellbeing. We have closed-circuit television throughout the new Waroona Police Station to ensure that all detainees are monitored right through custody processing and any form of detention at that police station.

I am very proud, as Minister for Police in this Liberal–National government, to be the custodian of a \$100 million project that is designed to refurbish, refit and build new police stations across the state of Western Australia. Over the last 18 months we have opened the Carnarvon Justice Complex and police stations in Eucla, Augusta, Margaret River and Three Springs.

Dr A.D. Buti: What about Armadale?

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Shortly, by the end of this year, I expect to open the new police station at Cockburn Central, a \$19.6 million project; a new police station at Mundijong —

Dr A.D. Buti: You don’t care about Armadale, do you?

The SPEAKER: I am going to mention Armadale. Member for Armadale, I call you for the first time. I do not want to call you for the second time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I hope soon to open the \$8 million Mundijong Police Station, in my ministerial colleague’s electorate, and the \$10.9 million Liberal Party election commitment, the Ballajura police station. I look forward to opening the Ballajura police station later this year, which is delivering on the Liberal–National government’s election commitment in 2013 to service the community of Ballajura. I hope the member for West Swan will be there to acknowledge my efforts as police minister, and the efforts of our government to achieve our very important election commitment for the people of Ballajura.