

BAYSWATER POLICE STATION — OFFICERS

358. Ms L.L. BAKER to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. Given that 10 police officers were withdrawn from Bayswater Police Station immediately after the state election, how does the minister plan to resource the police station to prevent the increasing crime that my constituents will endure this summer?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I think I addressed some of those matters, and, as I previously mentioned, I am not aware of that specific program. The way that police operations run is that sometimes they will put a targeted program together for a specific time. As an example, in Scarborough and along the beaches at Mullaloo and also at Cottesloe, teams are put together specifically to look at policing the beachfront, because that is where people go in the heat of summer. Around schoolies week, we put special programs and squads of police officers together to look after our school leavers as they attend their leaving functions. I need to find out the nature of that program at Bayswater, exactly what it is and what the future plans for that program are. I will endeavour to get that information from the commissioner, who ultimately has the say-so over where he puts his officers for operational needs.