

TASERS — TRAINING FOR REGIONAL POLICE OFFICERS

770. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the observation at page 72 of the WA Police report titled “Post Implementation Review of Taser”, released earlier this year, that —

As a whole regional Taser training lacks access to resources such as Interactive Tactical Training Simulator scenario training and, in some instances, a Taser suit to facilitate live practical exercises.

- (1) Does this mean that regional officers are short-changed on training on tactical communication and de-escalation of incidents?
- (2) Is this lack of training a contributing factor in the doubling of Taser use on Indigenous people in the past three years?
- (3) What steps is the Barnett government taking to adequately resource training for regional police?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)–(2) No.
- (3) Not applicable. Training in regional Western Australia is adequate.