

SCHOOLS — TRAFFIC WARDENS

631. Hon SUE ELLERY to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

This question was lodged last week when the Attorney General was here.

- (1) What arrangements are in place to provide relief school traffic wardens to replace those on leave, including sick leave, annual leave and long service leave?
- (2) Is it the case that currently relief is not able to be provided to cover all leave?

Hon KEN BASTON replied:

I answer on behalf of the Attorney General. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(2) The procedure when a warden cannot attend their crossing in the metropolitan area is as follows: the traffic warden state management unit allocates a relief warden where possible; when a relief warden is not available the school is notified; and a job is entered on the CAD system to request the attendance of a police officer. The attendance of police officers is primarily driven by the availability of resources at the required time, balanced with other competing priorities. Although WA Police has been tasked with statewide coordination of providing wardens to category A crossings, there are occasions when a relief warden cannot be provided. In those circumstances, the responsibility for safety of students at those crossings becomes a shared responsibility. For that reason, as identified above, the school is notified to enable appropriate mitigation action to be taken.