

NORTH WEST WATER POLICE UNIT — CLOSURE

**188. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the statement made by the Commissioner of Police on 22 March 2018 announcing the closure of the north west water police unit.

- (1) Was the cost of refitting the PV *Delphinus* investigated?
- (2) If yes to (1), what was the estimated cost?
- (3) Will the PV *Delphinus* be redeployed or sold?
- (4) If it is to be sold, what is a reasonable estimated sale price?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1) Western Australia Police Force advises yes, as the PV *Delphinus* was scheduled for replacement in 2001.
- (2) Western Australia Police Force advises that the PV *Delphinus* is no longer fit for purpose and has spent more time in port and undergoing maintenance than on patrol, with significant annual maintenance costs and a further \$500 000 required in 2018 to overhaul or replace the engines.
- (3) The PV *Delphinus* will not be redeployed.
- (4) Western Australia Police Force advises that the current estimate of the vessel's market value is \$600 000.