

KARRAKATTA CEMETERY RENEWAL PROGRAM — HISTORIC POLICE GRAVES

1152. Hon AARON STONEHOUSE to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Local Government:

I refer the minister to his recent media statement, issued on 8 November 2018, entitled “Recognition of 120 years of regional policing”.

- (1) How many historic police graves, as recognised by the Western Australia Police Historical Society, are located in sections of Karrakatta Cemetery currently scheduled to be included in the cemetery renewal project?
- (2) Does the minister echo the comments of the Minister for Police, in that same media release, when she noted, and I quote, “Our Police Force has been keeping us safe since the 1830s”?
- (3) If yes to (2), will the minister commit to preserving any and all historic police graves and headstones in their current locations in Karrakatta Cemetery; and, if not, how can the minister put his name to a media release that talks about a “fitting recognition of the deep roots the Western Australia Police Force has in the community”?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) There are two gravesites.
- (2) Yes.
- (3) Yes. If a gravesite has a headstone that is in reasonable condition, it will be retained in situ and providing it is in accordance with family requests and the cemetery renewal process.