

BAYSWATER POLICE STATION — OFFICERS

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

I refer to the decision to discontinue the highly effective program that added 10 police officers to the Bayswater Police Station between December 2012 and March 2013.

- (1) Why has this stopped? It is an excellent program.
- (2) Will the minister's government reinstate this much-needed community policing program?
- (3) Why does the minister's government continue to have a stopgap approach to ongoing resourcing issues rather than broad, strategic community needs in policing?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(3) I am not apprised of the specific program that the member referred to, but I will raise it with the commissioner and find out exactly what that program was about. Was it run out of Bayswater Police Station?

Ms L.L. Baker: Yes. It was a task force.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Okay. I will follow that up and get back to the member on that one.

With respect to community policing and local policing, members in this place would probably be aware of one of our election commitments, which was to engage an additional 30 youth liaison officers who specifically will be tasked to go out and work with youth at risk or priority offenders in the juvenile area.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

Mrs L.M. Harvey: And connected to police and community youth centres. I thank the member for Collie–Preston very much. That reminds me of another commitment of this government to put \$10.5 million into a capital works program for PCYCs to ensure that they can deliver their programs effectively. But I digress. Members in this house are probably aware of some of the commissioner's comments about a new local policing model that we will be trialling in Armadale and also in Mandurah, which is specifically to put in some additional teams to do more proactive policing and community policing and follow-up with repeat victims of crime and those sorts of matters, rather than have officers constantly prioritised for tasking, which is what occurs at present. The commissioner is very much focused on the conversations that he has had with me and the feedback that we have had out of our community engagement program about having better interaction of police with the community and a more localised community policing effort. I think members should watch this space. We will have two trials running. We will see how those programs run, and the commissioner and I will no doubt make a determination on those matters in due course.