

CARNARVON POLICE AND COURT COMPLEX RELOCATION

**608. Hon KEN BASTON to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:**

I refer to the Premier's media statement dated 15 August 2007 announcing the relocation of the Carnarvon police and court complex to the Gascoyne Traders site.

- (1) Given that the Gascoyne Traders site was provided by the Shire of Carnarvon, will the current site be offered to the shire in exchange, and, if not, why not; and, if so, on what terms?
- (2) If the current site is not offered to the shire in exchange, given that it is prime land centrally located in the business district and enjoys estuary views -
  - (a) will it be retained for government use; and, if so, for what purpose; or
  - (b) will it be released for purchase on the open market; and, if so, under what development conditions?

**Hon JON FORD replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(2) WA Police, in partnership with the Department of the Attorney General, has commenced preliminary discussions with the Carnarvon Shire Council on acquiring the site in accordance with the government's announcement on Monday. As such, a decision has yet to be reached on the purchase arrangement for the Gascoyne Traders site. The disposal process for the current police complex site has yet to be determined.