

POLICE AIR WING

876. Hon Dr Steve Thomas to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the fixed wing aircraft of the Western Australian Police air wing, and I ask:

- (a) what is the total number of fixed wing aircraft owned by the State of Western Australia for use by the Western Australian Police air wing;
- (b) what is the total number of fixed wing aircraft operated but not owned by the State of Western Australia for the Western Australian Police air wing;
- (c) what is the total number and type of fixed wing aircraft chartered for use by the Western Australian Police air wing over the past 12 months;
- (d) what were the details of the disposal of Gippsland Airvan of VH-WPF, including what was the reason for disposal, method of disposal and what monies were recovered; and
- (e) can the Minister provide details of the introduction of Cessna 208 VH-VLA for utilisation by the Western Australian Police air wing and under what terms this aircraft is operated?

**Hon Stephen Dawson replied:**

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

- (a) Three
- (b) One
- (c) In total, over the past 12 months (dated from 30 August 2021 to 30 August 2022), The Western Australia Police Force Air Wing have chartered for use, six fixed wing aircraft including 1 x Beechcraft Kingair, 2 x Cessna 172N, 1 x Cessna 182T, 1 x Cessna 208, 1 x Pilatus PC-12.
- (d) The aircraft was no longer fit for purpose. Sale and disposal occurred by open tender through Tenders WA, with \$650,000 being received for the sale.
- (e) The Cessna 208 VH-VLA is operated under the Western Australia Police Force Air Operators Certificate on a Flight Hour Operational lease.