

POLICE RANGERS, MANDURAH

2275. Hon J.A. COWDELL to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Is Government funding of the Police Rangers in Mandurah, through the PCYC Federation about to cease?
- (2) Has the PCYC Federation removed a bus from Mandurah that was funded by the Lotteries Commission and local businesses for the purpose of youth work in the Mandurah/Pinjarra area?
- (3) Has the PCYC removed all equipment from the Billy Dower Youth A'Peel Centre?
- (4) Will the Government ensure that funding support is maintained for the Mandurah and Pinjarra Rangers?
- (5) If yes, will this include –
 - (a) financial support;
 - (b) a bus; and
 - (c) sporting equipment?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

- (1) The partnership arrangement between the Federation of Police and Citizens' Youth Clubs and the City of Mandurah has terminated and, therefore, the Mandurah PCYC is unable to continue to provide its services. In consequence of this closure and its obligation under the contractual arrangements with the Office of Youth Affairs, the Rangers program can no longer be conducted as an activity under the auspices of the Mandurah PCYC. However, consideration may be given to relocating the Police Rangers program, albeit under different arrangements to those which were previously in place.
- (2) The bus in question is the property of the Federation of Police and Citizens' Youth Clubs and was obtained through a Lotteries Commission grant and fund raising by PCYC. The Federation's Council of Management has decreed that the bus, which is currently housed at Mandurah Police Station, will be returned to the Federation for use by Serpentine PCYC.
- (3) Some sporting equipment has been left. In addition, all Rangers equipment was left, pending the outcome of the future of the Rangers program in Mandurah.
- (4) The Rangers program, which was previously conducted under the auspices of PCYC, may continue in Mandurah, albeit under alternative arrangements.
- (5) These matters are not known at this stage.

Additional information:

The Council of Management for the Federation of PCYC has not ruled out the prospect of resuming the Mandurah PCYC, should the opportunity arise. In the meantime, alternative arrangements are being considered for the continuation of the Police Rangers for the area. It is envisaged that the Police Rangers may be incorporated in the new Mandurah Senior High School.