

POLICE — WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

872. Hon Nick Goiran to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

In each of the past five years, on how many occasions did an officer or employee carry out child-related work whilst holding a Negative Notice under the *Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004*?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

The Western Australia Police Force advise:

The Working with Children (Criminal Record Checking) Act 2004 provides that specific people or certain kinds of work do not require a Working with Children check. Police Officers are exempt in these circumstances.

The WA Police Force conducts an Initial Entry Check (IEC) for recruit applications which includes checks of:

- Traffic history
- Criminal history
- Suspect holdings
- Move on notices
- Juvenile cautions
- Drug diversions
- Family violence incidents
- Restraint/police orders

Where an applicant is recommended for recruitment, a more in-depth check is conducted including a review of associates, addresses, and social media activity.