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Your Ref: Petition No. 089

Hon Colin Holt MLC  
Deputy Chair  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Mr Holt

Thank you for your letter seeking information as to whether police officers will be removed on medical grounds under section 8 of the *Police Act 1892* (Police Act) before this and other associated provisions are amended.

As advised in my recent correspondence to the Committee Chair, the McGowan Government is committed to introducing legislation to reform the legal framework for the medical retirement of police officers. A Bill to establish a new stand-alone scheme is being drafted and will be introduced as soon as practicable.

The provisions in the Police Act remain current law and available to the Commissioner of Police in the exercise of his discretion to remove officers on medical grounds. For the time being, however, the Commissioner of Police has suspended the exercise of the discretion to proceed to formally remove any officers under Part IIB until the new medical retirement provisions are in force.

Accordingly, there are no recommendations presently before me seeking approval for officers to be removed on medical grounds under Part IIB. Any section 8 application to the Minister for Police is contingent upon receipt of a recommendation from the Commissioner of Police.

I thank the Committee for its enquiry and trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

**HON. MICHELLE ROBERTS MLA**  
**MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY**

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