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## Minister for Police; Road Safety

Our Ref: 45-01396

Hon Brian Ellis MLC  
Chairman  
Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs  
Parliament House  
PERTH WA 6000

Dear Mr Ellis *Brian*

Thank you for your letter of 17 October 2012 concerning the Cockburn Police Station.

Funding of \$20.5 million has been allocated for the construction of a new police station at Cockburn Central. The Station will conform to the new WA Police Service Delivery Model which re-aligns resources to bring about larger but fewer police stations and provides the capability to deploy a large number of resources from stations into the Police District.

The Complex will accommodate 120 staff, including general duties officers, detectives and other key support services. The replacement Cockburn Central Police Station will also alleviate accommodation pressures being experienced at the Fremantle Police Complex.

A suitable site for the new Complex has been identified in the Cockburn Central Town Precinct (Lot 2 Linkage Avenue), which is close to the Kwinana Freeway and the Mandurah railway line. The Cockburn Project will be ready for tender in Mid 2013, with practical completion and occupation scheduled for the first quarter of 2015.

Western Australia Police undertake continual monitoring to determine the ongoing demand for policing services in each Police district and to ensure a responsive policing service is provided to the areas of greatest need.

In the interim period pending the completion of the Cockburn Central Police Station, the existing Cockburn Police Station (located in Spearwood) will be open to the public for counter services Monday to Friday during business hours, with police patrols operating from the station 24 hours a day, 7 days a week providing policing services to the community. The specific location of the police station officers operate from has limited impact on service delivery.

Actively patrolling officers are best placed to respond in a timely manner to any incident reported to police and deter criminal activity. Members of the public are advised that should they require police assistance urgently they should ring 000 and for any other non urgent police assistance they should ring 131 444.

It may also be noted that in September 2012 I facilitated a meeting between the City of Cockburn and the South Metropolitan District Superintendent John Lindley to address concerns in relation to community safety and policing services affecting the local area and the transition to the new police facility.

I thank you for bringing this matter to my attention and trust the above information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liza Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**LIZA HARVEY MLA  
MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY**

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