

**STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS  
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARING**

Western Australia Police Force

Hon Peter Collier MLC asked:

1) Please provide:

- (a) The number of police officers and police staff allocated for all metropolitan and regional districts and divisions as of April 30th 2022.

Answer:

April 30 2016

<b>Police Officer</b>	<b>Police Staff</b>
Authorised (FTE)	Authorised (FTE)
6,103	1,821

April 30 2022

<b>Police Officers</b>	<b>Police Staff</b>
Authorised (FTE)	Authorised (FTE)
6,961	2,027.69

- (b) For each of the police officer and police staff, the number of vacancies for all metropolitan and regional districts and divisions as of April 30th 2022.

Answer:

- 6,892.45 actual FTE police officers.
- 1,905.02 actual FTE police staff.

2) Please provide the average response times (in minutes) for priority 1, 2, 3 and 4 grades of service for all metropolitan districts from July 1st 2021 to April 30th 2022.

Answer:

<b>Average Response Time (minutes)</b>		
<b>Region</b>	<b>Priority 1 and 2</b>	<b>Priority 3</b>
Armadale	8.7	38.6
Cannington	8.8	44.8
Fremantle	9.4	38.1
Joondalup	10.1	37.4
Mandurah	10.8	42.4
Midland	9.7	42.8
Mirrabooka	8.7	44.0
Perth	8.5	33.9
<b>Metropolitan Region</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>40.3</b>

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Priority 4 tasks have been excluded from the response as they are not eligible for grades of service calculation.

- 3) Please provide the number of resignations and retirements from the WA Police Force, by rank for the period 1st July 2021 to 30th May 2022.

Answer:

<b>Rank</b>	<b>Resignations</b>	<b>Retirements</b>	<b>Total</b>
Commander	1	1	2
Superintendent	1	0	1
Inspector	2	5	7
Senior Sergeant	7	3	10
Sergeant	24	16	40
Senior Constable	125	35	160
1/C Constable	44	2	46
Constable	21	0	21
Probationary Constable	27	0	27
Recruit	44	0	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>296</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>358</b>

- 4) Please provide:

- (a) list of all programmes available to police officers and staff for mental health support in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Answer:

<b>INTERNAL</b>		
<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Peer Support	Peer Support	Peer Support
Chaplaincy	Chaplaincy	Chaplaincy
Counselling	Counselling	Counselling
Support/Advice	Support/Advice	Manager Assist <sup>1</sup>
Welfare Check	Welfare Check	Welfare Check
Fitness For Duty/Risk Assessment	Fitness For Duty/Risk Assessment	Fitness for Duty/Risk Assessment
Pre-Deployment Assessment	Pre-Deployment Assessment	Pre-Deployment Assessment
Wellbeing Review	Wellbeing Review	Wellbeing Review
Personnel Security Vetting Unit Assessment	Personnel Security Vetting Unit Assessment	Personnel Security Vetting Unit Assessment
Critical Incident Follow-up	Critical Incident Follow-up	Critical Incident Follow-up
Critical Incident Response Period	Critical Incident Response Period	Critical Incident Response Period

<sup>1</sup> Manager has engaged the Psychological Services Unit to assist them managing their worker

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Debriefing	Pre-Course Selection <sup>2</sup>	Pre-Course Selection
Re-Assimilation/Exit Interview	Debriefing	Debriefing
	Re-Assimilation/Exit Interview	Re-Assimilation/Exit Interview
		Crisis Support
		Training
		Triage
		Site visits including Regional WA
<b>EXTERNAL</b>		
<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
External Employee Assistance Program (EAP) (including Regional WA visits) & Preferred Providers	External EAP (including Regional WA visits) & Preferred Providers	External EAP (including Regional WA visits) & Preferred Providers
External provision of resilience and self-care programme for Injury Coordination and Support Services employees	External provision of resilience and self-care programme for Injury Coordination and Support Services employees	External provision of resilience and self-care programme for Injury Coordination and Support Services employees
		External Mental Health Training for State Communications Division

(b) number of police officers and staff that have accessed these programmes in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Answer:

- In 2019, there was a total of 777 police personnel who accessed these programmes.
- In 2020, there was a total of 1,659 police personnel who accessed these programmes.
- In 2021, there was a total of 2,619 police personnel who accessed these programmes.

5) Please provide:

(a) For each metropolitan and regional police district, the number of bullying complaints made by police officers and staff in 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Answer:

District	2019	2020	2021
	Total	Total	Total
Goldfields Esperance District	0	0	0
Great Southern District	1	0	1
Kimberley District	0	0	0

<sup>2</sup> Pre-course selection refers to psychological screening to ensure a participant is suitable to undertake a particular course.

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Midwest Gascoyne District	0	3	1
Pilbara District	0	1	0
South West District	1	0	1
Wheatbelt District	0	2	2
Armadale Metropolitan District	0	0	0
Cannington Metropolitan District	1	0	0
Fremantle Metropolitan District	0	0	0
Joondalup Metropolitan District	0	0	0
Mandurah Metropolitan District	0	0	0
Midland Metropolitan District	1	2	0
Mirrabooka Metropolitan District	0	1	0
Perth Metropolitan District	0	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

(b) For each of the numbers referred to in (a), the figures for males and females.

Answer:

- In 2019, 2 males and 2 females.
- In 2020, 6 males and 4 females.
- In 2021, 1 male and 4 females.

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Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

1) I refer to the \$60 million investment into the Emergency Services Radio Network over three years led by the WA Police Force, and I ask:

(a) What is the status of the project

Answer:

The project is currently finalising the Tender for Provision of Radio Equipment for replacing the ageing radio devices, with the intent to have the contract awarded in June 2022.

In parallel the project is performing upgrades to the radio network; including upgrades to allow the Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES) to transition onto 25 key WA Police Force radio sites, extending the radio coverage over the Acacia Prison, and upgrading network capacity for the Forrestfield-Airport link.

(b) What is the cost of stage one and any further stages that have been confirmed

Answer:

\$73 million over the forward estimates period was provisioned for Tranche 1 of the Emergency Services Radio Network (ESRN) Project, of which \$1.525 million was provided as part of the 2020-21 Mid-year Review process for technical and project management costs over two years. In the 2022-23 Budget, a further \$6.1 million has been released to commence network upgrades in 2021-22. The remaining funds are set aside via a Treasury Administered Provision to be released once the tender is awarded.

(c) What is the scope of stage one and any further stages that have been confirmed

Answer:

The scope for ESRN Tranche 1 includes:

1. Procurement and rollout activities to replace aged radio devices across the WA Police Force, DFES and the Department of Justice.
2. Upgrade the radio network infrastructure and capacity for the Forrestfield-Airport link.
3. Extend the radio coverage for the Acacia Prison by building a new dedicated radio tower.
4. Network upgrades to allow DFES transitioning onto 25 key WA Police Force radio sites.
5. Frequency planning for the WA Police Force radio sites, to comply with the Harmonised Government Spectrum.

(d) What funds have been expended to date on the project?

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\$1,945,416 as at 31 May 2022

2) I refer to Budget Paper 2, page 416, paragraph 13, which states investment to complete the Regional Road Safety Program in under 10 years could save 2,127 people from being killed or seriously injured on Western Australian Roads, and I ask:

(a) Has the government committed to fully fund and deliver the program within ten years

Answer:

This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport.

(b) What is the total cost of the program

Answer:

This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport

(c) What is the total budget funding committed to date

Answer:

This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport

(d) Of that identified in (c), how much is state funding and how much is federal funding

Answer:

This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport.

(e) Of the state funding identified in (d) how much of this is funded by the Road Trauma Trust Account

Answer:

This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport.

(f) How much funding has been expended to date on the program?

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This Regional Road Safety Program is being managed by Main Roads WA. This question needs to be re-directed to the Minister of Transport

- 3) I refer to Budget Paper 2, page 416, paragraph number 15 and I ask: what were the results of the Mobile Safety Camera Trial?

Answer:

The trial will commence on-road operations in July and run for three months.

- 4) I refer to Budget Paper 3, page 140 and page 287, under Road Trauma Trust Account, and I ask:

(a) Please detail the costing for the infringement management reform program

Answer:

The Infringement Management Reform Program is expected to cost:

Actual for 2020-21:	\$ 1.51 million
Estimated Actual for 2021-22:	\$ 3.38 million
Estimated expenditure 2022-23 to 2025-26:	\$29.08 million
Total Cost:	\$33.97 million

The costing breakdown of the Infringement Management Reform Program is:

Project Implementation Costs	\$10.83 million
System Implementation Costs	\$ 6.93 million
System Operating Costs (ongoing)	\$16.21 million
Total Cost:	\$33.97 million

(b) Please provide a detailed explanation of how this program will operate and specifically how it will advance road safety in Western Australia.

Answer:

The Infringement Management Reform Program will replace the existing infringement processing system and provide more flexible infringement payment options for the Western Australian community, with a focus on increased digital services.

The scope of the reform program includes the transfer of infringement processing from the WA Police Force to the Department of Transport, the implementation of modern processing technology and associated legislative changes to support the implementation of flexible repayment options and digital services.

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- 5) I refer to the 'Explanation of Significant Movements' found on page 420 of Budget Paper 2, and I ask: what relevance does the 'Total Solar Eclipse' have to road safety and funding allocated to this division?

Answer:

The Total Solar Eclipse will occur on 20 April 2023. This event is expected to draw up to 50,000 visitors to the town of Exmouth (pop. 2700) and surrounding localities. International, interstate and intrastate WA visitors are expected to gather for the event and travel to the region by road. A significant number of Perth residents are expected to drive to the event (2,500 kms return). In addition to complex local traffic management arrangements in the Shire of Exmouth, visitor safety will depend on effective communication and messaging on road safety. This includes ensuring the availability of a range of formats and languages for this diverse visitor base regarding WA road rules and the management of risks associated with fatigue, distraction, speed, and the towing of boats and caravans.

Budget approval has been provided for up to \$850,000 from the RTTA for road safety initiatives to support this event.

- 6) I refer to page 424 of Budget Paper 2 and line item 'Regulatory fees and fines', and I ask:

- (a) Does the line item relate to infringement revenue from traffic related offences.

Answer:

The line item refers only to revenue from road traffic drug driving infringements collected by the Department of Justice and forwarded to the WA Police Force.

- (b) If no to (a) where is this revenue reflected in the budget papers.

Answer:

Infringement revenue from mobile and fixed speed and red light cameras is reflected on the same page against the line item "RTTA Revenue (Service Delivery)".

- (c) In relation to revenue from traffic related offences, what proportion is transferred automatically to the Road Trauma Trust Account versus that which is retained by government annually.

Answer:

All mobile and fixed speed and red light camera infringement revenue collected by the Department of Transport and the Department of Justice is automatically transferred to the Road Trauma Trust Account.

- (d) For the funds that are retained by government, is this retained by income by the WA Police Force or is it transferred back to the Consolidated Fund

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Answer:

Revenue from on-the-spot infringements issued by the WA Police Officers is collected by the Department of Transport and the Department of Justice and gets transferred automatically to the Consolidated Fund. The revenue from road traffic drug driving infringements (estimated at \$600k for 2021-22) is retained by the WA Police Force which is reported against the "regulatory fees and fines" line item.

(e) For 2021-22 how much of the estimated actual of \$23,158 million has or will be transferred to the Road Trauma Trust Account?

Answer:

Nil.

7) I refer to the operation of the Road Safety Council Act 2002 and I ask:

(a) Please table the recommendations and advice of the Road Safety Council in accordance with section 5(f) for 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Answer:

The table in Attachment One lists the recommendations from the Road Safety Council by program, agency and funding amount.

(b) Has the Minister in 2021-22 to date issued a direction under section 6A

Answer:

No

(c) yes to (b) please table a copy of the direction and the Road Safety Council's response under section 5(g).

Answer:

Not applicable

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**ANSWERS TO 2022-23 BUDGET ESTIMATES - QUESTIONS PRIOR TO HEARINGS**

Western Australia Police Force

The Committee asked:

- 10) Every member of the WA Police Force is contemporaneously a coroner's investigator:
- a) In 2020-21, how many times were police officers required to work in their capacity as a coroner's investigator; and
  - b) Was 2020-21 a typical year from this perspective?

Answer:

- a) Every member of the WA Police Force is contemporaneously a Coroner's investigator. There is no centralised recording on how many times police officers were required to work in their capacity as a Coroner's investigator. For example, in the metropolitan area the Coronial Investigation Squad handled an average of approximately 2,500 to 2,600 deaths each year between the financial years 2016-17 and 2021-22 (to date). For each death, between two and five police officers may be involved from the initial response through to the investigation and reporting to the Coroner.
- b) The financial year 2020-21 would be a typical year from that perspective.

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