



Minister for Police & Road Safety

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Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC
Chair
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations
Parliament House
4 Harvest Terrace
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Dear Honourable Member,

Alanna

Thank you for the opportunity to address these Questions Prior to Hearing from Members of the Legislative Council.

Please find the answers attached.

Yours sincerely,

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Hon Nick Goiran MLC asked:

1. I refer to the answer given to Question On Notice 307 on 7 September 2017 and I ask:

- (a) On which dates did staff from WA Police and Telstra communicate in order to establish the community engagement project;

Answer

The Western Australia Police Force and Telstra initially met on 16 November 2012 and the first handover of mobile telephones occurred in December 2012. There have been ongoing communications since.

- (b) Who was that communication between and in what form did it take;

Answer

The initial face to face communication took place between Western Australia Police State Family Violence Unit Detective Sergeant Rosenberg and Senior Constable Pulford and Telstra Local Business Development Specialist, Ms Tracey Jones. Later communications have been various forms and have involved a range of people from both organisations.

- (c) Is WA Police maintaining a register of the phones they are receiving and distributing; and

Answer

The State Family Violence Unit maintains a register of all mobile telephone handsets received and distributed to districts as part of this initiative. The telephones are supplied to metropolitan Victim Support Units and regional Family Violence Units as necessary. Receiving units are required to maintain a local register of both mobile telephone handsets and recipients.

- (d) What is the eligibility criteria in order to be a recipient of one of these phones?

Answer

Telstra mobile telephone handsets are available for issue to victims of family violence as part of joint agency safety planning, where the victim has no access to a functioning mobile telephone and this form of communication is essential to their immediate and on-going safety. The telephones are generally reserved for instances where victims are considered to be at a high risk of harm and considered necessary by the Family and Domestic Violence Response Team who assess and triage each case on individual merit.

Hon Martin Aldridge MLC asked:

2. I refer to Budget Paper 3, Page 278 and specifically the Road Trauma Trust Account and I ask:

Of the \$119 million allocated from the fund in 2017-18 please detail the specific programs and projects funded and the allocation to each?

Answer

A listing of each of the programs funded in 2017-18 is shown below.

| Road Trauma Trust Account - Approved Budget for 2017/18 | | Attachment A |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Business Case Title / Program Title | Implementing Agency | Current Budget 2017/18 \$'000 |
| Improving Safety Outcomes at Metropolitan Intersections | | 10,000 |
| Metropolitan Intersection Crash Program | MRWA | 10,000 |
| Improving Safety Outcomes for Regional Run-Off Road Crashes | | 40,710 |
| Cranbrook Vehicle Rest Area | RSC | 1,200 |
| Run-Off Road Crashes Road Improvements | MRWA | 18,000 |
| Wheatbelt safety review – Toodyay Road | MRWA | 17,200 |
| Wheatbelt safety review – Great Eastern/Great Southern Highway | MRWA | 1,250 |
| Coalfields Highway | MRWA | 2,960 |
| Reducing the Injury Burden from Impaired Driving Crashes | | 10,040 |
| Increase Breath and Drug Testing | WAPOL | 5,121 |
| Expansion of Drug Testing Capabilities | WAPOL | 989 |
| Increased Roadside Alcohol and Drug Testing | WAPOL | 1,183 |
| Crash Blood Testing | WAPOL | 211 |
| Alcohol Interlocks Implementation | DOT | 1,165 |
| Alcohol Interlocks Assessment and Treatment Services | MHC | 1,376 |
| Reducing Injury Burden from Crashes Involving Inappropriate and Excessive Speed | | 36,464 |
| Enhanced Speed Enforcement Administration Costs | WAPOL | 10,910 |
| Automated Speed Camera Enhancement Project | WAPOL | 8,264 |
| Speed Camera Replacement | WAPOL | 8,388 |
| Electronic School Zone Sign Project | MRWA | 4,000 |
| Enhanced Speed Enforcement Administration Costs | DOT | 4,902 |
| Improving Safety Outcomes for Vehicle Occupants and Other Road Users | | 5,138 |
| Safer Vehicles Policy, Crash Testing and Data (ANCAP) | RSC | 285 |
| Road Aware (SDERA) | DOE | 1,667 |
| Data Linkage and Road Safety Analysis | DOH | 129 |
| Party Program | DOH | 402 |
| WA Injury Prevention aided by State Trauma Registry | DOH | 357 |
| Road Trauma Support Services (ICCWA) | ICCWA | 847 |
| Roadwise Road Safety Program - WALGA Local Govt & Community Road Safety Program | WALGA | 1,657 |
| Community Education Campaign program | | 7,000 |
| Community Education Campaign program | RSC | 7,000 |
| Informing and Mobilising Actions to Improve Road Safety Outcomes | | 15,971 |
| Community Road Safety Grants | RSC | 360 |
| Road Safety Events | RSC | 130 |
| Road Safety Partnerships Program | RSC | 1,173 |
| Road Safety Strategy, Policy and Research | RSC | 1,293 |
| Road Safety Information Centre | RSC | 1,000 |
| RSC Website and online communications | RSC | 281 |
| RSC Media Management | RSC | 224 |
| RSC Operating Costs | RSC | 5,828 |
| TOTAL | | 119,351 |
| Budget By Agency | Implementing Agency | Current Budget 2017/18 \$'000 |
| Main Roads Western Australia | MRWA | 53,015 |
| Western Australia Police | WAPOL | 35,051 |
| Department of Transport | DOT | 6,074 |
| Department of Education (SDERA) | DOE | 1,667 |
| Department of Health | DOH | 882 |
| Mental Health Commission | MHC | 1,376 |
| Western Australian Local Government Association | WALGA | 1,657 |
| Injury Control Council of WA | ICCWA | 847 |
| Road Safety Commission | RSC | 18,774 |
| Total | | 119,351 |

3. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Page 272 and the marked reduction in funding to the Road Safety Commission from an estimated actual in 2016-17 of \$136.48 million to \$19.579 million in 2020-21, and I ask:

- (a) What can be attributed to such significant funding reduction this year and across the forward estimates?

Answer

As funding for the Road Trauma Trust Account is a hypothecated account, funding allocation has traditionally and generally been on annual basis, particularly for one-off infrastructure projects. Decisions on these types of projects have only been determined to 2017-18. Future budgets will make additional allocations. Expenditure in future years is dependent on revenue in future years. Any money raised by the speed and red light cameras is spent on the RTTA.

- (b) What services or functions will be impacted by the funding reduction?

Answer

There is no reduction in funding.

Significant one-off road infrastructure projects have funding in 2017-18. Funding for road projects will be determined during the annual budget process. In addition, road safety campaigns are funded to 2017-18. Funding for future year campaigns will be determined during the annual budget process once the campaign program is known.

- (c) What was the FTE staffing of the Road Safety Commission at 1 July 2016?

Answer

The Road Safety Commission had an FTE allocation of 28 as at 1 July 2016.

- (d) What is the FTE staffing allocated to the Road Safety Commission in 2017-18 State Budget?

Answer

28 FTE

4. I refer to Budget Paper 2, Page 269, under the heading 'Election Commitments', and specifically 'Meth Border Force', and I ask:

(a) Where will the unit be based?

Answer

The Meth Border Force will be based in the Metropolitan Region and will be deployed throughout the state as operationally required.

(b) How many FTE will comprise the unit and of those how many will be sworn officers?

Answer

The WA Police Force will recruit 100 police officers and 20 police staff in the first two years.

(c) Where are the funds allocated to the unit derived?

Answer

Government will provide recurrent funding of \$77.16 million and capital funding of \$6.55 million from 2017-18 to 2020-21 to fund the Meth Border Force.

(d) Who will the unit report to?

Answer

The Serious & Organised Crime Division has responsibility for the Meth Border Force.

(e) What will be the primary function of the unit and in which regions will it operate?

Answer

The Meth Border Force will be deployed to reduce the use of Meth within Western Australia targeting dealer and suppliers on a State-wide basis.

5. I refer to the Government's commitment to WA Police Officers to introduce a compensation and redress scheme for medically retired officers and I ask:

What funding has been allocated in the budget and forward estimates for this purpose?

Answer

A global provision was included in the 2016 Pre-Election Financial Projections Statement for a workers' compensation scheme for police officers. This global provision has been retained over the financial estimates.

Hon Tim Clifford MLC asked:

1. What proportion of spending with regards to Road Safety (including the Road Trauma Trust Account) will be spent on bicycle safety?

The Road Safety Commission advises it is not able to disaggregate the funding on that basis. Safety improvements for cyclists occur as a result of a combination of benefits occurring from actions such as speed enforcement, public and school education and safety improvements to intersections. However, I can advise that a specific cycling safety community campaign will support the government's election commitment to introduce a trial of minimum passing distances for cyclists. This campaign will cost \$460,000.