



STANDING COMMITTEE ON ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR THE
2017/18 BUDGET ESTIMATES HEARING

Western Australia Police

Hon NICK GOIRAN asked:

B01. In relation to the evidence given by Commissioner Dawson on 18 October 2017, in which he informed the Committee that the WA Police Force's use of the Part 4 fortifications provisions in the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003* is current subject to a review, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) Who is conducting the review?
- (b) When was the review commenced?
- (c) What are the terms of reference for the review?
- (d) Who has been consulted to-date?
- (e) When is the review expected to be complete?

Answer

The review referred to in the hearing transcript is not about resourcing of the Western Australia Police Force in the 2017-18 Budget.

The Commissioner of Police as the CEO, is conducting a general review of his agency.

The *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003* is overseen by the Attorney General and the Minister for Public Sector Management. Questions in relation to this legislation should be directed to these portfolios.

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Hon NICK GOIRAN asked:

B02. In relation to the evidence given by Commissioner Dawson on 18 October 2017, in which he informed the Committee that he has met with Commissioner McKechnie, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) On how many occasions has Commissioner Dawson met with Commissioner McKechnie since Mr Dawson's appointment as Commissioner?
- (b) Where did those meetings take place?
- (c) Who else was in attendance at those meetings?
- (d) Was an agenda prepared for any of those meetings?
- (e) If yes to (d), can a copy of those agendas be tabled?
- (f) At any of the meetings, did the Commissioner discuss the WA Police Force making applications for an exceptional powers finding?

Answer

These questions are unrelated to the Budget 2017/18, and would be best placed on notice.

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Hon NICK GOIRAN asked:

B03. In relation to the Minister's letter to the Committee received on 10 October 2017 enclosing answers to Questions Prior to Hearing, in which the Minister advised that the State Family Violence Unit maintains a register of all mobile telephone handsets received and distributed, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) How many handsets were received in each calendar year (including 2017 YTD) since the first handover of mobile telephones occurred in December 2012?
- (b) How many handsets have been distributed by district as part of this initiative?
- (c) What auditing regime is in place of the local registers required to be maintained by receiving units?

Answer

The WA Police Force advise the following information;

(a)

2012 - 44
2013 - Nil
2014 - 100
2015 - 56
2016 - 54
2017 - 100

(b)

Central Metropolitan District	24
North West Metropolitan District	31
South East Metropolitan District	52
South Metropolitan District	23
Kimberley District	34
Pilbara District	5
Mid-West Gascoyne District	21
Wheatbelt District	5
Goldfields-Esperance District	5
South West District	6
Great Southern District	5

- (c) Once dispatched to districts by the State Family Violence Unit, the management of handsets is the responsibility of the unit receiving them. When the mobile phones are allocated to victims, they are retained by the individual indefinitely, including when the need has passed.

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Hon COLIN HOLT asked:

B04. In relation to the Government's election commitment to build a police station in Capel, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) When will the station be operational?
- (b) Will the police station be staffed 24 hours a day 7 days a week?
- (c) How many police officers will be stationed at the Capel Police Station?
- (d) Will the officers be required to work in other parts of the police district or region, effectively taking them away from Capel? If so, what percentage of time will be spent outside of Capel?
- (e) Will Government Housing be required for officers stationed at Capel? If so, how many?
- (f) What is the estimated operating cost of the new station?

Answer

The Western Australia Police Force advise the following information;

(a)- (f) It is estimated the station will be operational by 2019/20. Final determinations regarding the operations of this facility will be determined closer to the commencement date.



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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

B05. In relation to pages 29-31 of the hearing transcript, regarding the WA Police Force aviation fleet, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) The Department of Finance is undertaking a 'State Fleet Policy Review' with respect to State owned and leased aircraft, what involvement have the WA Police Force had with this review to date?
- (b) On what date did the Department of Finance first engage with the WA Police Force with respect to this review?
- (c) To what extent will the Department of Finance's review inform the WA Police Force's consideration and recommendation to government for future aviation requirements?

Answer

- (a - c) The Western Australia Police Force advise that it has not been contacted by the Department of Finance with regard to state owned or leased aircraft as part of any 'State Fleet Policy Review'. However, there are ongoing discussions between the WA Police Force and relevant government agencies regarding aviation requirements.

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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

B06. In relation to the Regional Enforcement Unit found at page 269 of the budget paper 2, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) Where will the unit be based?
- (b) How many FTE will comprise the unit and of those how many will be sworn officers?
- (c) Where are the funds allocated to the unit derived?
- (d) Who will the unit report to?
- (e) What will be the primary function of the unit and in which regions and locations will it operate?

Answer

The Western Australia Police Force advise;

- (a) – (e) The unit will be based with the Traffic Enforcement Groups. It will consist of 25 sworn FTE, be funded from Royalties for Regions, and reporting to the Commander State Traffic Operations. The unit will be a visible police presence enforcing Category A traffic offences on regional roads including speeding, alcohol and drug affected drivers, distracted drivers, non-use of restraints and dangerous drivers, operating the highest risk Regional Roads to a radius of up to 400km outside of the metropolitan area in the Wheatbelt, South West, Mid-West Gascoyne and Great Southern Police Districts.

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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

B07. The WA Police Union pre-election submission identified a number of regional Police stations which require refurbishment or replacement. Those identified requiring refurbishment include Boddington, Boyup Brook, Broome, Bunbury, Kalgoorlie, Narrogin and York. Those identified requiring replacement include Jurien Bay, Katanning, Marble Bar, Onslow and Paraburdoo. In relation to the above, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) What capital works are planned at each of the above mentioned locations in 2017-18 or across the forward estimates?
- (b) When was a building condition audit (BCA) last done at these locations?
- (c) Can a copy of the most recent BCA for each location be provided?

Answer

The Western Australian Police Advise the following capital works are planned or commenced;

(a) **Boddington** - \$630 000 in 2017/18.

Broome - \$8.9 million in 2016/17.

Bunbury - \$5.675 million in 2016/17.

Kalgoorlie - \$4.715 million in 2016/17.

York - \$430 000 in 2017/18.

Jurien Bay – \$800,000 planned over the forward estimates.

Katanning - \$150 000 in 2017/18.

Marble Bar - Building is a Department of Finance asset.

- (b) The WA Police Force building asset survey continually updates information over a four year cycle. The survey provided a risk assessment of each category over a ten year projection. The survey is refreshed on a progressive basis via a staged approach.
- (c) For operational reasons a copy of each assessment cannot be provided.

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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

B08. In relation to page 14 of the hearing transcript, where the Commissioner refers to a review which he has commenced within WA Police relating to Police resourcing, the following questions have been asked:

- (a) Who is conducting the review?
- (b) When will the review be complete?
- (c) What are the terms of reference for the review?
- (d) Will the review consider the future location of regional police stations and staffing allocation assigned to each?

Answer

The review referred to in the hearing transcript is not about resourcing of the Western Australia Police Force in the 2017-18 Budget.

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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

B09. I refer to question on notice number 5, answered prior to hearings and I ask:

- (a) Can you confirm that \$16.8m, \$16.5m and \$16.7m will be available for this purpose in 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 respectively;
- (b) What consultation has been done to date by the Minister and WA Police to finalise the scheme design and draft legislation;
- (c) On how many occasions has the Minister or WA Police met with the WA Police Union to discuss the design of the proposed scheme; and
- (d) When does the government expect to have legislation introduced into the Parliament to give effect to the election commitment?

Answer

(a)-(d) The Western Australia Police Force advise that funding will be available for this scheme. Work to deliver this commitment will be completed as soon as possible.

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Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE asked:

- B10.** I refer to the article 'Commissioner rejects new look for WA Police' published in the West Australian on 17 October 2017 and I ask:
- (a) Can you please provide a copy of the approved tender for the supply of new Police uniforms;
 - (b) When will the review of replacement uniforms be complete;
 - (c) How long will the replacement uniforms be delayed if further consultation is required with stakeholders including the WA Police Union on alternative options;
 - (d) Does the Minister and Commissioner support the continuing use of polo t-shirts during NAIDOC week by Police officers;
 - (e) What is the cost of supplying these polo t-shirts annually; and
 - (f) How are the polo t-shirts utilised by WA Police following NAIDOC week?

Answer

(a)-(f) There was no specific additional tender. Any new or replacement garment falls within the current supply chain.

The review of WA Police Force Uniform is complete.

Specifically designed NAIDOC shirts were worn for NAIDOC week, as a sign of respect to the Aboriginal community.

A total of \$121,000 was secured from Special Plate Funding and the Department of Aboriginal Affairs to purchase artwork and copyright for shirts, the light show and to wrap cars.

\$52,500 was spent on the shirts.

Future use of the NAIDOC week polo shirts will be considered.

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Hon RICK MAZZA asked:

- B11.** An upgrade of the WA Police Licensing Services IT facilities was recently undertaken.
- (a) Is the upgrade completed and if not, when will it be?
 - (b) Has the upgrade streamlined or improved the functions of the Register for licensees?
 - (c) Has the upgrade reduced the cost of licensing a firearm in Western Australia?
 - (d) Do applications lodged with Australia Post electronically load the application onto the system or are they input manually?
 - (e) What is the annual cost of operating the Register?

Answer

WA Police Force advise:

- (a) The upgrade is ongoing with further work to be completed in January 2018.
- (b) The system was designed and built to provide 'back-of-house' enhancements, including more effective data management, verification and cleansing and recording.
- (c) There has been no change to licensing costs based upon the implementation of the system. Fees and Charges are reviewed annually.
- (d) Data generally uploads automatically into the system. There are occasional exceptions where issues with data transfer between systems, or the information provided by applicants is incorrect and staff within the licensing division are required to manually change or input data to resolve the issue and progress the application.
- (e) The recurrent operating costs for the system is \$398,631.00

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Hon RICK MAZZA asked:

- B12.** In previous years, Firearms Licensing was required to report on the processing times for firearms applications (Grades of Service).
- (a) When was the practice of providing this information discontinued and why?
 - (b) What is the current average time for processing an application for a new firearm license?
 - (c) What is the current average time for processing an application for an additional firearm?

Answer

(a)-(c) WA Police Force advise the provision of processing times for various firearm applications ceased in April 2016. Currently, original applications have an average processing time of 50 days (including a 28 day cooling off period) and additional applications have an average of 20 days processing time.

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