

POLICE — MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT SERVICES

692. Hon PETER COLLIER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the critical incident response crisis support service referred to in his answer to question without notice 591 asked on Wednesday, 1 September.

- (1) What is the composition of staff that make up this service?
- (2) What was the total cost of this service for the Western Australia Police Force in 2018, 2019 and 2020?
- (3) How many officers accessed the services of this unit in 2018, 2019 and 2020?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force is committed to supporting police officers and police staff to access support through health, safety and welfare services; and destigmatising mental health and awareness raising. The WA Police Force advises this is likely to lead to some personnel seeking assistance and using services.

- (1) An on-call psychologist and on-call chaplain provide a critical incident response and crisis support service.
- (2) The costs were \$708 844 in 2018, \$1 326 478 in 2019 and \$1 429 716 in 2020.
- (3) As the support is provided in confidence, the data is not able to be provided.