

COUNTRY POLICE STATION CLOSURE REVIEW

**69. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

- (1) Can the minister inform the house when the country police station closure review will be made public?
- (2) Will the government honour its pre-election promise of an additional \$6 million this financial year to reopen regional police stations?
- (3) If so, which stations will be reopened?
- (4) With the proposed three per cent cut to police funding, does the minister propose to continue the policy of basing resources and officers in larger regional centres at the expense of smaller localities?

**Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:**

The Minister for Energy is away from the chamber on urgent parliamentary business and, on his behalf, I provide the following reply —

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question.

- (1)-(3) The country police station review has been made available to the chief executive officers of the shires of the six country police stations that were closed or relocated in 2007. Discussions regarding the review are taking place between the Minister for Police, the Commissioner of Police and other government ministers.
- (4) The Commissioner of Police is responsible for the allocation of police services statewide and allocates resources accordingly. WA Police undertakes continual monitoring of policing services in each police district to ensure that a responsive policing service is provided to the areas of greatest need. Individual police stations are subject to workload reviews on a regular basis to ensure that available resources have been appropriately allocated.