

POLICE, RESPONSE TIMES

1747. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

Will the Minister please advise -

- (1) The average response time achieved by the following policing districts for priority 1, 2 and 3 offences for the financial year ending June 30 2003 -
 - (a) Kimberley;
 - (b) Pilbara;
 - (c) Goldfields-Esperance;
 - (d) Mid-West Gascoyne;
 - (e) Great Southern; and
 - (f) Wheatbelt?
- (2) How many priority 1 offences were responded to by Western Australian Police in the above policing districts for the year ended June 30 2003?
- (3) The accepted Government/Police Service response time priority 1 offences in the policing districts in (1) for the financial year ending June 2003?
- (4) The number of priority 1 offences that were not responded to within accepted Government/Police Service time limits for the financial year ending June 2003 in the policing districts in (1)?
- (5) The average response time achieved for all priority 1 offences for the financial year ending June 30 2003 across all policing districts in (1)?
- (6) How many priority 2 offences were responded to by Western Australian Police in the above policing districts for the year ended June 30 2003?
- (7) The accepted Government/Police Service response time priority 2 offences in the policing districts in (1) for the financial year ending June 2003?
- (8) The number of priority 2 offences that were not responded to within accepted Government/Police Service time limits for the financial year ending June 2003 in the policing districts in (1)?
- (9) The average response time achieved for all priority 2 offences for the financial year ending June 30 2003 across all policing districts in (1)?
- (10) The total number of sworn police officers, including recruits, in the Western Australian Police service as at February 29 2004?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(9) The Western Australia Police Service advise that accepted response times are only set for metropolitan police. They further advise that specific information regarding response times and number of priority offences in country locations can only be retrieved from paper based records. Considerable police resources would be tied up providing the level of detail the member has requested. If the member has concerns about any particular instance of poor response, however, I would be pleased to have it investigated.
- (10) The Police Service advise that as at 29 February 2004 the total number of Police Officer FTEs was 4958 (including APLOs).