

MUNDARING POLICE STATION — CUSTOMER SERVICE HOURS EXTENSION

Statement by Member for Swan Hills

MR F.A. ALBAN (Swan Hills) [12.50 pm]: On 28 August, my electorate of Swan Hills received a visit from Hon Liza Harvey, MLA, Minister for Police, to promote a recent extension of police customer service hours—that is, the hours the general inquiry counter is staffed at the Mundaring Police Station. Previously open from 8.00 am to noon, Monday to Friday, the counter now operates from 8.00 am to 4.00 pm, Monday to Friday. This extension was effective as of Monday, 25 August 2014. This has been a concern in the community for some time now. Several resident and ratepayer associations have contacted my office over the past two years, further raising their concerns that the station may face closure. Several Shire of Mundaring councillors and the chamber of commerce also voiced similar concerns.

The efforts from Minister Harvey and the Liberal–National government have sent a clear message to the people of Mundaring and the regional communities surrounding it that the Mundaring Police Station is here to stay. However, the efforts from politicians mean nothing without, in this case, the policing work on the ground, and to that end I would like to acknowledge Sergeant John Browne, officer in charge of Mundaring Police Station, and his team for the hard work and commitment to the many rural communities in the Swan Hills. This has resulted in a significant amount of positive feedback and confidence within this community. I once again thank the minister for her ongoing support and for this action taken to support the hills communities of my electorate.