

RAILWAYS, PERTH STATION, SECURITY OFFICERS

2851. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Planning and Infrastructure

I refer to security operations on the rail system and ask -

- (a) is the Minister aware of an incident at the Perth Train Station about midnight on Friday 30 April 2004, when a man was attacked by three men aged approximately in their mid-20s;
- (b) is the Minister aware that the man was unable to find a security officer anywhere on the station;
- (c) will the Minister advise who has a duty of care to members of the public in this matter;
- (d) are there hours when security officers do not work and the station is unattended; and
- (e) what steps will the Minister take to ensure that greater protection is available for members of the public?

Ms A.J. MacTIERNAN replied:

- (a)-(e) At about midnight on 30 April 2004 a man was assaulted away from the railway system in Northbridge in the vicinity of the Cultural Centre.

It appears the assaulted person went to the City train station and station personnel arranged attendance of the Police and ambulance. In moving to the train station the person walked past the Police Transit Office front entrance and also a Police emergency intercom.

The WA Police Service is conducting an investigation into the matter and I understand that the person who was assaulted has been unable to provide to the Police a consistent version of what actually occurred.

I believe the Hon Member should await the outcome of the WA Police Service investigation.