

POLICE, DNA SAMPLES, PROCESSING TIME AND COST OF TELEVISION ADVERTISING

3063. Mrs C.L. Edwardes to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer the Minister to the answer to questions on notice Nos 2343 and 2720 and ask -

- (a) what is the average time taken to process DNA samples taken from burglary crime scenes, from time of collection to time of processing and identification;
- (b) what is the cost of the television advertising for DNA as a Police crime-fighting tool authorised by the State Government;
- (c) who is the person who authorised this expenditure; and
- (d) from which budget allocation did this expenditure come?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

- a) The Police Service advise that Question 2343 related to DNA samples collected from a defined group of persons and this information could be readily extracted. Crime scene exhibits such as those from burglary offences are recorded on the Frontline Incident Management System (IMS) or Property Tracing System. The functionality to extract the type of data sought in the question is being incorporated into the next major enhancement to Frontline (IMS) which is scheduled to be rolled out early next year. Importantly, since the inception of the DNA database in July 2002 there have been 758 DNA database matches to burglary (dwelling) offences and 518 DNA database matches to burglary (non dwelling) offences.
- b) The Office of Crime Prevention advises \$153,548.
- c) Mr Michael Thorn, Director, Office of Crime Prevention.
- d) The Office of Crime Prevention advise Output 12 - Implementation of the State Crime Prevention Strategy, Department of the Premier and Cabinet.