

NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH COMMITTEES, SAFER WA COMMITTEES AND SAFER WA PROJECTS

1677. Hon. C.L. Edwardes to the Premier

I refer the Premier to the report entitled '*New Structures for Crime Prevention in Western Australia*' dated October 2002 and to the answer to question on notice No. 710, on 25 February 2003. and ask what were the number of Neighbourhood Watch Committees, Safer WA Committees and Safer WA projects in each of the following years -

- (a) 1 July 1998 to 30 June 1999;
- (b) 1 July 1999 to 30 June 2000;
- (c) 1 July 2000 to 30 June 2001;
- (d) 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002; and
- (e) 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

Neighbourhood Watch is not an organisation of committees, but a philosophy with objectives to:

- Reduce preventable crime
- Encourage reporting of suspicious activities
- Reduce the fear of crime within the community
- Improve the level of home security within the community
- Improve the quality of information passed to the police
- Encourage the engraving of property to:
 - Discourage theft
 - Assist in identifying recovered property

At the local level, Neighbourhood Watch works through a network of Suburb Managers, Area Coordinators, Street Representatives and individual residence. There are no central records maintained.

SAFER W.A. Committees' Executive is a private incorporated body. The Office of Crime Prevention does not maintain records of committees.

Details of projects funded through SAFER W.A. are published on the SAFER W.A. website www.saferwa.wa.gov.au, under the heading 'Grant Results' in the 'Funding' section.