

ASSAULTS ON POLICE - REVIEW OF PENALTIES

3271. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to media reports that the Government will be reviewing penalties for attacks on Police (*The West Australian* Monday 13 February 2006 page 10), and ask -

- (1) When did this review commence?
- (2) Who is undertaking the review?
- (3) Will submissions be sought from -
  - (a) serving police officers;
  - (b) the Police Union; and
  - (c) family of serving officers?
- (4) If 'no' to any of (3), can you please give reasons for submissions not been called from those people?
- (5) When is the review scheduled for completion?

Hon JON FORD replied:

The Western Australia Police advise as follows:

- (1) Following recent comment by the Minister for Police and Emergency Services that he would be asking for submissions from the Commissioner of Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (2) The Commissioner of Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions.
- (3)-(4) Discussions have taken place between the Police and the Director of Public Prosecutions incorporating suggestions from serving members and the Western Australian Police Union of Workers. It is not intended to broaden the submission to include families; however, as it is open to all members of the community, family members may make a submission on legislative change to their Member of Parliament.
- (5) It is not expected that the review will be completed until late April 2006 which will enable proper assessment and consideration of all relevant factors