

POLICE - CHILD PROTECTION SQUAD AND CHILD INTERVIEW UNIT

3272. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) How many FTE sworn police officers are within the Police's Child Protection unit?
- (2) How many FTE support staff (unsworn officers) are in the unit?
- (3) For (1) and (2), as at what date do the answers apply?
- (4) Is the number of FTE (sworn and unsworn), available for any other years?
- (5) If 'yes' to (4), can you please supply the available data for the other years?

Hon JON FORD replied:

The Western Australia Police advises as follows:

- (1) 26
- (2) Two - a Customer Service Officer and an Intelligence Analyst.
- (3) 17 March 2006
- (4)-(5) Originally WA Police had a Unit known as the Child Abuse Investigation Unit which consisted of 23 police officers and two police staff. Following the Gordon Inquiry and a recommendation from the Australasian Police Ministers Council the WA Police formed two Units. These Units are known as the Child Protection Squad and the Child Interview Unit. The Child Protection Squad incorporates the Cyber Predator Unit and includes the online covert capability. As at 17 March 2006 the Child Protection Squad and Child Interview Unit consist of 33 police officers, two Aboriginal Police Staff and three police staff.