

MANJIMUP POLICE STATION - UPGRADE

621. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer you to the current state of the Manjimup Police Station building and ask -

- (1) Is the Minister aware of the current situation relating to the state of the Manjimup Police Station building?
- (2) Is the Minister aware that the current building has:
 - (a) No disabled / wheel chair access;
 - (b) No covered walk way into the station;
 - (c) No waiting area within the station;
 - (d) No general interview room other than for criminal interview which therefore provides no privacy and protection for victims;
 - (e) No safety facilities for officers and staff of the station;
 - (f) No overnight holding cells;
 - (g) White ant infestation;
 - (h) No facility to interface efficiently with the public;
 - (i) Become outgrown with the increased number of officers currently deployed from the station?
- (3) Can the Minister advise if a budget has been allocated to the upgrading of the Manjimup Police Station?
- (4) If not, why not?
- (5) Is the Minister aware that tenders are currently being called for termite damaged rafters and re-stumping of foundations and that these repairs are estimated to cost \$250,000 plus an additional \$150,000 for upgrading the current holding cell with video monitoring?
- (6) Will expenditure of \$400,000 address the fundamental problems associated with the current station?
- (7) Will the Minister consider fully funding the total replacement cost of a new and modern Police Station in Manjimup?
- (8) Will the Minister consider a partnership approach to providing a new and modern Police Station in Manjimup between private enterprise and the government as per the Australia Post model of a Private / Public Partnership?

Mr J.B. D'ORAZIO replied:

1. Yes.
2.
 - (a) Disabled access is to be provided at the front entrance to the building as part of current works.
 - (b) No "covered walkway" into the Station is proposed.
 - (c) The Station has a waiting area (foyer) consistent with those at older style police stations.
 - (d) The Station does not have a public interview room. When privacy is required for interviews, the Officer In Charges' office, or other appropriate areas within the Station are utilised.
 - (e) WA Police maintain the building in a condition that it is a safe working environment for officers and staff at the Station.
 - (f) A safe holding cell will be included as part of current works.
 - (g) The Department of Housing and Works has confirmed that there is no current termite activity at the Station. Termite activity restoration maintenance work is scheduled in 2006 to repair timber damaged as a result of termite activity.
 - (h) Interface with the public occurs at the public counter. Private matters are conducted in the office or other available areas within the Station.
 - (i) WA Police continue to monitor the accommodation requirement at all police stations with upgrades and additional space provided in line with State-wide priorities.
3. The budget for current works is \$400 000.

\$250,000 has been allocated by WA Police for repairs to timber damage as a result of previous termite activity. The \$250,000 restoration budget also provides for disabled access at the front of the building, floor coverings to be replaced and extensive internal and external painting to be undertaken. In addition, \$150,000 has been allocated for a safe holding cell that includes a CCTV monitoring capability. This safe holding cell is to be installed in 2006-07 following the completion of maintenance work.

4. Not Applicable.
5. Tenders for Restoration Maintenance work have been finalised and repair work has now commenced (Refer to 3.)
6. The current works program will address maintenance issues, improve functionality and extend the operational life of the building.
7. A new Police Station is in the WA Police 10 Year Capital Works Program. Implementation of the Program is subject to state-wide accommodation priorities and Government funding.
8. WA Police is continually assessing options with the private sector to support the delivery of policing services.