

WA POLICE — WEST METROPOLITAN DISTRICT ACCOMMODATION UPGRADE

**823. Mr I.M. BRITZA to the Acting Minister for Police:**

Last week, the Speaker and I were given a tour of the Morley Police Station upgrade. Based on this, can the acting minister update the house on the current status of the Western Australia Police west metropolitan district accommodation upgrade project?

**Dr A.D. Buti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:**

The government recognises the importance of appropriate and functional facilities for our police to operate from across Western Australia. Providing adequate police stations that are well fitted out and suitable for the purpose is an important part of the provision of facilities. In that context, the government has allocated \$14.719 million for the west metropolitan district accommodation upgrade project. This project involves specifically the police stations at Warwick, Scarborough, Mirrabooka and Morley. The first stage of the project was undertaken at the Warwick Police Station and was completed in October 2012. In January this year, the tender for the contract for Scarborough, Mirrabooka and Morley Police Stations was awarded to Badge Constructions (WA) Pty Ltd. The Scarborough Police Station was vacated on 19 January this year so that construction works could be undertaken. The operational police contingent is temporarily housed at Warwick Police Station until works are completed. This is a refurbishment. I will not go through all the details, but it provides for future growth.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** How many officers are you going to have at Morley?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** Let us talk about Scarborough at the moment, which is important. This refurbishment provides accommodation for up to 80 personnel. The works are currently on schedule and the station is expected to be ready for reoccupation in the middle of November.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Is that Scarborough or Morley?

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** That is Scarborough. Extensive alteration work commenced in January this year and is currently underway at Mirrabooka Police Station. That refurbishment will also provide for future growth and accommodate up to 230 personnel. Mirrabooka Police Station is currently open, although construction works are underway. To complete the project, the station will need to be vacated in December this year, and it is expected that the works will be completed in July 2015.

Mr Speaker, as the member for Mount Lawley, and the member for Morley also, will be interested in Morley Police Station. Morley Police Station was vacated on 3 February this year so that construction could get underway. The operational police contingent from Morley was temporarily housed in the Mirrabooka police complex. Construction work achieved practical completion on 18 September this year. These works included enlargements to the general office, toilets, change rooms and locker area, and also a new shift supervisor's office and amenities room. I am pleased to advise that the reoccupation and commissioning of the station took place on Monday, 13 October, just at the beginning of last week, and that, as of today, the newly upgraded station is open for business.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** How many officers are there? You still haven't said.

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** Funnily enough, I have not been provided with specific information for Morley, but I am sure —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** You obviously haven't met your commitment from the election; otherwise, it would be in there.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland!

**Mr J.H.D. DAY:** If the member wants a debate about election commitments, I can advise, based on what I know, that the commitment to provide 550 additional police officers and staff across the state is underway, and no doubt the Morley district, as well as all other districts in the state, will benefit from that additional recruitment program.