

POLICE STATION STAFFING, SHIRE OF YALGOO

1183. Mr EDWARDS to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

I refer the minister to correspondence her office received from the Shire of Yalgoo regarding the manning of that town's police station.

- (1) Is the minister aware that from the end of this week, the Yalgoo Police Station will be completely unmanned for six weeks while its officers are on leave?
- (2) Why will these officers not be replaced during this time?
- (3) Is the minister aware that the Aboriginal police liaison officer position in Yalgoo has been vacant for several months?
- (4) Will the minister guarantee the House that she will ensure that officers are deployed to Yalgoo and that the town will not be left for six weeks without a police presence?

Mrs ROBERTS replied:

- (1) No.
- (2) I will refer that to the Commissioner of Police.
- (3) No.
- (4) The guarantee I will give is that I will take up this issue with the Commissioner of Police because I think the situation the member has outlined is unacceptable.

The SPEAKER: That completes question time. Following on from the announcement about the member for Roe, those who work with Karen Hall might be interested to know that she had a baby boy, Callum, yesterday, and that both are well.