

POLICE - BOOZE BUS AVOIDANCE

3245. Hon Nigel Hallett to the Minister for Local Government and Regional Development representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to *The West Australian* article of 22 February 2006 titled 'Copycat Booze Bus Bolters are a Worry' where the Attorney General said 'he would monitor the situation and if it became a significant problem he would look at whether laws to punish those dumping cars near booze buses were adequate', and ask -

- (1) Has the Police Minister and/or his Department had contact from the Attorney General and/or his office requesting details concerning the number of 'booze bus runners'?
- (2) If so, for data that is available, please provide details of -
  - (a) the number of people who have run from a booze bus;
  - (b) whether attempts were made to catch the runner/s; and
  - (c) whether charges were laid in regard to the running from a booze bus?
- (3) If no data is kept, can you please provide details of when the data will begin being kept; and collected, so the Attorney General can make an accurate assessment as to whether it is a 'significant problem'?

Hon JON FORD replied:

The Western Australia Police advise as follows:

- 1) The ministerial office has had general discussions regarding this issue with both the Commissioner of Police and the Attorney General's office.
- 2) Not applicable.
- 3) There are no plans by WAPOL to record data on the number of persons allegedly attempting to avoid a booze bus operation.