

BUNBURY CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION SYSTEM

1182. Hon MATT BENSON-LIDHOLM to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Adele Farina, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to the Premier's election commitment to expand Bunbury's closed-circuit television operations and to fund a full-time civilian operator to monitor the closed-circuit TV for four years, and to a statement by the Minister for Police that monitoring would start on 29 October 2009.

- (1) Have the additional closed-circuit TV cameras been installed in Bunbury; and, if yes, when were they installed?
- (2) Will the minister direct the police to employ a civilian operator to monitor the cameras in accordance with the Premier's election commitment?
- (3) If no, what other action is the minister taking to immediately deliver on this election commitment?
- (4) Why has the Barnett government decided to review funding after only two years and not commit funding for the full four years as promised?
- (5) What are the terms of the closed-circuit TV monitoring agreement between the Bunbury police and the City of Bunbury?
- (6) Will the minister table a copy of the agreement; and, if not, why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Most have been installed, with nearly half of them operational.
- (2) No.
- (3)-(4) The state government has committed to fund a two-year CCTV monitoring pilot program in line with best practice principles and as part of its election commitments. A comprehensive evaluation will be undertaken after two years to determine the impact of the monitoring program. Should the evaluation provide support for an ongoing CCTV monitoring program, further funding may be made available. This approach will ensure that the City of Bunbury CCTV infrastructure will be used effectively and efficiently. At the completion of the initial two-year period, a comprehensive evaluation will be undertaken to determine the impact that the CCTV monitoring program has had on crime and safety issues within Bunbury. A decision on further funding will be made based on the evidence obtained from the program evaluation.
- (5) The City of Bunbury will monitor the CCTV. It is the responsibility of the City of Bunbury to ensure that City of Bunbury owned CCTV infrastructure is managed and operated in a way that is beneficial to the people of Bunbury. WA Police will passively monitor the CCTV and provide support through direct contact and resources as required.
- (6) No. Agreement was reached through communications between both parties. There is no memorandum of understanding between Bunbury police and the City of Bunbury.