

OPERATION AVALON, POLICE RESOURCES

484. Hon Derrick Tomlinson to the Minister for Racing and Gaming representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

I refer to the Minister's answers to Question without Notice No. 1069 asked and answered on February 27 2002 and Question on Notice No. 460 asked on February 28 2002 and answered on March 12 2002. The answer to Question without Notice No. 1069 requested me to put the Question on Notice and the Question on Notice No. 460 referred me to the answer on Question without Notice No. 1069 which requested that I put the Question on Notice. Therefore I ask on Notice the following -

- (1) How many police officers were assigned to Operation Avalon to monitor the Gypsy Joker's national motorcycle run to Albany and return?
- (2) How many police man-hours were consumed in Operation Avalon?
- (3) What was the estimated total financial cost of Operation Avalon?
- (4) What was the cost of -
 - (a) overtime payments; and
 - (b) accommodation,for police officers engaged in Operation Avalon?
- (5) What charges and how many were laid against members of the Gypsy Jokers Club as a result of Operation Avalon?

Hon N.D. GRIFFITHS replied:

- 1-2 The Western Australia Police Service advises that due to operational sensitivity, the number of Police Officers assigned to operation Avalon or any OMCG related activity will not be divulged.
- 3 To date, the total cost is \$301 940. There may be other costs brought to account in the future.
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 - (a) Overtime comprised \$177 700
 - (b) Accommodation comprised \$11 700
- 5 The Western Australia Police Service advises that two arrests were made and a number of infringements issued. The deterrent value of Operation Avalon is unquantifiable.