

SCHOOL CROSSINGS, BUDGET ALLOCATION

331. Hon HELEN HODGSON to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police:

I refer the minister to the report commissioned by Main Roads WA entitled "Summary of Practice for Supervised School Crossings" in June 1998, completed by independent consultant ARRB Transport Research Ltd, and ask -

- (1) What was the budget allocation for the school crossing section of the Western Australia Police Service in -
 - (a) 1997-98;
 - (b) 1998-99;
 - (c) 1999-2000?
- (2) What is the projected budget for the school crossing section of the Western Australia Police Service in 2000-01?
- (3) Does the minister plan to undertake a further review of the school crossing warrant?
- (4) Considering the breadth of concerns noted by the report, does the minister stand by his claim that the current school crossing warrant represents national best practice?

Hon PETER FOSS replied:

I thank the member for some notice of this question.

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| (1) | (a) | 1997-98 | \$0 |
| | (b) | 1998-99 | \$100 000 |
| | (c) | 1999-2000 | \$238 600 |

No specific school crossing section budget was allocated until part way through the 1998-99 financial year. Relief warden travelling expenses were devolved partially in 1998-99 and fully in following years. Office consumables were devolved in 1999-2000. All other costs are met from central allocations. This includes wages and salaries.

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| (2) | 2000-01 | \$204 000 |
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- This is allocated for office consumable costs and relief warden travelling allowances only and reflects improved management of relief warden costs. All other costs are met centrally at this time. This includes wages and salaries.
- (3) The warrant itself relates to the criteria for establishment of a crossing and has been reviewed and described as national best practice.
 - (4) The warrant itself relates to the criteria for establishment of a crossing and has been reviewed and described as national best practice. The other recommendations of the report are about processes, not the warrant itself.