

GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE

1081. Hon TIM CLIFFORD to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Global Strike 4 Climate on Friday, 20 September and the fact that the WA Police Force blocked access to St Georges Terrace, despite the strike organisers notifying police in the lead-up to the strike that the route would include a stretch along St Georges Terrace between William Street and Mill Street.

- (1) Who made the decision to block access to St Georges Terrace?
- (2) When was the decision made?
- (3) What was the reason for the decision?
- (4) How was the decision communicated to strike organisers?
- (5) Was there any contact between any government representative and any representative from Woodside or Chevron in relation to the strike route prior to the decision being made?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer has been provided to me by the Minister for Police. The Western Australia Police Force advises the following.

- (1)–(4) Protest organisers failed to apply for a permit to conduct a march. Safety concerns with the proposed route were raised by police and the City of Perth and communicated to organisers at the time. Police make operational decisions for managing protests, major incidents and operational activity based on multiple factors including, but not limited to, safety, risk management, capability, intelligence and community engagement. The decisions are made within the incident command and control structure for the operation being managed.
- (5) The WA Police Force communicated with a number of organisations potentially impacted by the planned protest action as part of a risk assessment process. As stated previously, the incident command control structure makes operation decisions based on a number of factors. Operation decision-making and tactical activities for management of protests are not disclosed to ensure that police operations are not compromised.