POLICE STATIONS, KALBARRI, MULLEWA, DONGARA AND NORTHAMPTON

459. Hon MURRAY CRIDDLE to the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

- (1) Following the decision to increase the number of staff at some stations from one to two officers, will the minister assure me that the number of officers at Kalbarri, Mullewa, Dongara and Northampton will not be reduced?
- (2) Will the minister assure me that extra staff will come from new resources?

Hon KIM CHANCE replied:

On behalf of the minister representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, I thank the member for some notice of this question.

(1)-(2) The Commissioner of Police is responsible for deploying both sworn and unsworn staff. District superintendents deploy resources within their districts to meet the policing needs of the community. The police advise that the number of officers at Kalbarri, Mullewa, Dongara and Northampton will not be reduced.