

STATE SECURITY

204. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Premier:

I refer to the recent tragic events in Bali and the broader implications for state security.

- (1) Will the Premier advise the House whether the state emergency services plan is up to date?
- (2) Is the state emergency services plan capable of addressing terrorist activity such as that which occurred in Bali?
- (3) What action has the Premier taken to ensure that our public utilities including water, gas and electricity supplies are safe and secure?
- (4) Are local emergency services plans up to date? If not, will the Premier immediately commit funds to bring them up to date?

Dr G.I. GALLOP replied:

- (1)-(4) Late on Saturday night and early on Sunday morning when I was informed of the tragedy that occurred in Bali, I thought that the State Government needed to address three issues. First, the Government had to ensure that our health system was activated. I contacted the Minister for Health about that matter and it was done. As members know, it has worked effectively to take on board some of the victims. Secondly, it became clear that we would have to deal with traumatised individuals and that there would be a great deal of stress among the families of the victims; therefore, we activated the crisis care unit of the Department for Community Development. I will say more about that later. Thirdly, security implications result from such a tragedy. I have met with and spoken to the Commissioner of Police about these issues. He has informed me that through the cooperative arrangements that are in place with the Commonwealth, a complete review is being undertaken of all of the arrangements to secure Western Australia's core infrastructure. Obviously, all the arrangements with the Commonwealth and all the plans that are currently in place to deal with these matters are subject to review. I will take the advice of the Commissioner of Police on that matter and we will make any necessary changes if we must.

I am concerned for Western Australia's crucial energy infrastructure and I am very interested to get feedback from the Commissioner of Police on that matter. I will talk with the Commonwealth to make sure that our gas pipelines, the North West Shelf project and the other oil and gas facilities in Western Australia are properly protected. There is ongoing discussion between the Commonwealth and the States on that matter. As the member knows, following the Hilton bombing many years ago, an arrangement was set up, which had the unfortunate acronym of SACPAV - the Standing Committee on Commonwealth-State Cooperation for the Protection Against Violence - and that is still operating. We must ensure that all the planning associated with that arrangement is up to scratch and that any potential crisis can be dealt with.