

ST JOHN AMBULANCE — SERVICE DELIVERY — POLICE

**546. Hon PETER COLLIER to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

- (1) Since 1 July 2021, have any police been dispatched to attend medical-related tasks when St John Ambulance has not been available?
- (2) If yes, on how many occasions?

**Hon KYLE MCGINN replied:**

On behalf of the Minister for Emergency Services, I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(2) The Western Australia Police Force advises that the agency created a job description “St John Ambulance Medical Task” for use from 23 May 2022 and refers to tasks when St John Ambulance has requested police attendance at a medical—non-police—task as either the primary response unit in lieu of ambulance attendance or a driver—assistant for an ambulance crew. Tasks for which police may have been dispatched to attend medical tasks when St John Ambulance was not available prior to the job description becoming available on 23 May 2022 are not readily identifiable. Additionally, tasks that are police related or when St John Ambulance is attending but request police assistance are excluded. Since the creation of the St John Ambulance medical task on 23 May 2022, the WA Police Force has had 23 dispatches recorded.