

METHAMPHETAMINE BORDER FORCE

316. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

Since its election the McGowan government seems to have forgotten that one of its political promises to the people of Western Australia was a \$60 million meth border force unit within WA Police.

- (1) How does the government intend to achieve this while Western Australia Police are already significantly under-resourced in terms of numbers of frontline police officers?
- (2) Will the government now commit to recruiting a significant number of new police officers to cope with the increasing requests for assistance and offences against the person, which are increasing at an alarming rate?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided by the Minister for Police.

- (1)–(2) The McGowan government is fulfilling its election commitments. The government committed to an additional 100 officers for the meth border force and is delivering on this commitment through budgetary, operational and recruitment processes.