

POLICE DISTRICTS — RESPONSE TIMES

2757. Mr P.D. Omodei to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services

- (1) Will the Minister advise how many priority two offences were responded to by police in Western Australia for the year ending 30 June 2007?
- (2) Will the Minister advise the accepted Government/police service response time for priority two offences in Western Australia?
- (3) Will the Minister advise the number of priority two offences that were not responded to within accepted Government/police time limits for the financial year ending 30 June 2007?
- (4) Will the Minister advise the average response time achieved for all priority two offences in Western Australia for the year ending 30 June 2005?

Mr J.C. KOBELKE replied:

- (1) For the year ending 30 June 2007, there were 5,655 priority two tasks¹ responded to by Police in Western Australia.

Notes:

1. This total does not include police pursuits or scheduled, duplicated or re-prioritised tasks.

- (2) The Key Performance Indicator agreed to between the Western Australian Government and the WA Police for the financial year 2006-07 for Priority 1 & 2 tasks was a Target Average Response Time of 9 minutes. There is no separate Target for Priority 2 tasks. This Target has been unchanged since 2001-02, and is still the Target for 2007-08.
- (3) There were 1,822 priority two tasks that were not responded to within the accepted Government/Police time limits for the financial year ending 30 June 2007.
- (4) The average response time achieved for all priority two tasks in the Metropolitan Districts for the year ending 30 June 2007 was 8 minutes.

Notes:

1. Due to geographical and computer system restraints, information is not available for the regional Police Districts except Peel District, in which no Priority 1 tasks were responded to in the 2006-07 financial year.

2. The above data only refers to Priority 1 tasks responding to a call for assistance from the public, and excludes pursuits and scheduled, duplicate or re-prioritised tasks.

3. The figures in the above response differ from those presented in the 2007 WA Police Annual Report (in which the average response time for Priority 1 & 2 tasks was quoted as 9 minutes). The reasons for this include; the Annual Report data is based on the sum of averaged monthly totals which includes rounding errors whereas the above data is based on a single aggregate extract for this particular Question; also that tasks re-opened or modified after the original monthly reports would not have been included in the Annual Report calculations, but have been included in the data for this Question.

NOTES:

a) Priority 1 and 2 tasks cover incidents where life or property, is or may be, in a state of threat or imminent danger. Offences include armed hold-up in progress, offender incident in progress and other life threatening incidents.

b) Priority 3 tasks cover incidents requiring immediate attention but are not life threatening at that time. Priority 3 incidents may involve the welfare of a person, the possible apprehension of offenders or the preservation of evidence.