

POLICE, TRAFFIC OFFICERS, GERALDTON

2442. Hon Murray Criddle to the Minister for Housing and Works representing the Minister for Police and Emergency Services
- (1) How many traffic officers are there in the Geraldton District?
 - (2) What is the total number of hours, per week, worked by these officers in the Geraldton District for the years -
 - (a) 2000-01;
 - (b) 2001-02;
 - (c) 2002-03; and
 - (d) 2003-04?

Hon NICK GRIFFITHS replied:

- (1)-(2) The Police Service advise the MidWest Gascoyne District, which includes Geraldton, has an authorised strength of 205 sworn officers, an increase from 201 in January 2001. All officers are required to undertake traffic duties as part of their general patrol and inquiry tasks. The deployment of patrol and inquiry officers on traffic duties is tasked at the direction of the Officers in Charge and District Superintendent. Police Officers in the MidWest Gascoyne District are doing a fantastic job as evidenced by the September Quarter 2004 crime statistics which report a 19.9% reduction on the same quarter last year.