

POLICE — FLU INJECTIONS

629. Hon JOCK FERGUSON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

- (1) Can the minister confirm that police headquarters personnel received flu injections administered by a nurse at their place of work, but that front-line police officers who are in constant contact with the public are not provided with injections and are expected to make their own arrangements and seek reimbursement?
- (2) Can the minister also confirm that under existing and prospective enterprise bargaining arrangements, \$100 is the minimum claim for reimbursement of medical expenses, and, accordingly, many front-line officers are not getting flu injections?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

- (1) It is a policy of the Western Australia Police executive that the provision of influenza injections to all staff in the workplace is a matter for consideration by district or divisional superintendents.
- (2) WA Police reimburse non-work-related medical expenses for police officers, and this would include the cost of an influenza injection. There is no minimum cost restriction for claiming a reimbursement for individual services; however, officers are required to submit claims only once the total amounts claimed reach \$100.