

POLICE — MEDICALLY RETIRED POLICE OFFICERS

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

I refer to the minister's recent public statements in which she committed to amending section 8 of the Police Act so that medically retired police officers can retire with dignity.

- (1) Will the minister now commit to immediately suspending the use of section 8 of the act and the dismissal of medically retired police officers until such time as the act is amended?
- (2) If not, why not?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1)–(2) The use of section 8 of the Police Act 1892 is instigated by the Commissioner of Police. The Minister for Police is committed to amending section 8 as soon as possible; however, until the act is amended, it is the current law.