

POLICE RESOURCES IN SOUTH WEST TOWNS

6083. Mr M.P. Murray to the Minister for Police

In relation to Western Australia Police resources in the South West towns of Bunbury, Busselton, Dunsborough and Donnybrook, I ask:

- (a) how many Full Time Equivalent (FTE) police officers are attached to each station;
- (b) how many patrol vehicles are attached to each station;
- (c) what are the opening hours of each station Monday to Friday;
- (d) what are the opening hours of each station on a Saturday;
- (e) what are the opening hours of each station on a Sunday;
- (f) if any of the four stations are not open Monday to Sunday and officers are required to respond to an incident in one of the unmanned towns, what station(s) will respond; and
 - (i) in this event what would the expected response times be?

Mr R.F. JOHNSON replied:

- (a) Resources are allocated at a District level and District Superintendents deploy those resources within their District to deliver the best possible policing service to the community.

Western Australia Police advises that due to operational sensitivities, specific information relating to staffing levels of individual police stations is not released.

As at 31 August 2011 the South West District has 222 FTE police officers available throughout the District.
- (b) The South West Police District has 60 patrol vehicles available throughout the District.
- (c)–(f) Each Police District has a 24 hour complex and in the case of South West District this is the Bunbury Police Station. The Bunbury Police Station coordinates a 24 hour response across the District and has a front counter service to support members of the public attending the police station.

All other stations are open to the public Monday to Friday 8.00am –4.00pm and provide service outside of office hours as required.
 - (i) Response times are affected by many factors such as; the number of available police, existing job demands and priorities, road and weather conditions.