

POLICE — BODY-WORN CAMERAS

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

I refer to the recent successes of Queensland police using body-worn cameras when attending domestic violence calls and the recording used as evidence-in-chief significantly reducing the frequently cruel cross-examination in court.

Does the minister have plans to introduce body-worn cameras for WA Police and allow the recorded evidence to be used in court; and, 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.

The benefit of the use of body-worn cameras by WA Police is being evaluated. Consideration will be given to their use once that evaluation is complete.