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Hon Neil Thomson; Hon Stephen Dawson

FITZROY CROSSING BRIDGE ALLIANCE PROJECT — SECURITY

1379. Hon NEIL THOMSON to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to challenges faced by contractors on the Fitzroy Bridge alliance and housing rebuild concerning security risks.

- (1) How many vehicles have contractors and government workers in Fitzroy Crossing lost due to motor vehicle theft since the rebuild project began?
- (2) Is the minister aware that additional security has had to be engaged by contractors to keep themselves safe?
- (3) Does the minister have a plan to deal with the safety of contractors and workers in Fitzroy Crossing?

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 Western Australia Police Force advises as follows.

- (1) Accurate data to answer this question is unable to be provided as vehicle ownership by contractors and government workers is not able to be determined in WA Police Force systems.
- (2) A work camp has been developed a short distance from the Fitzroy Crossing town site for the sole purpose of accommodating contract staff employed on the bridge project. This facility is surrounded by security fencing and has 24/7 security on site who conduct proactive patrols and static guard duties, ensuring the safety and security of employees and infrastructure.
- (3) Operation Regional Shield targets offenders who cause community harm. To deter incidents of crime and antisocial behaviour, Fitzroy Crossing police conduct high-visibility targeted patrols of locations used by contractors and workers. In addition, local police regularly liaise with private security guards employed by the workforce to contribute to contractor and worker safety.