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Hon Alanna Clohesy MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Estimates and Financial Operations  
Parliament House  
4 Harvest Terrace  
WEST PERTH WA 6005

Dear Chair

Please find enclosed supplementary information arising from the Budget Estimates and Annual Report hearings of the Estimates and Financial Operations Committee regarding Police and Road Safety.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Michelle Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michelle" and the last name "Roberts" clearly distinguishable.

**HON MICHELLE ROBERTS BA DipEd MLA  
MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY**

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# ESTIMATES AND FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

## 2020–21 BUDGET ESTIMATES AND 2019–20 ANNUAL REPORTS

### QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE

Western Australia Police Force

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Hon TJORN SIBMA asked:

Hon TJORN SIBMA: Can I ask the nerdy finance question? Is that composition then pro-rated across the service lines as they appear in the budget or are they baked into a particular service line? There are four expense lines. I would imagine that they are baked into the first one—the metropolitan policing services—or is that an incorrect assumption?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON: There may well be separate appropriations for each thing. But I draw your attention to that \$73.37 million for the 150 extra police who were announced on 9 April and who came on board, as the commissioner said, from June. In that \$73 million over the four years, there is an amount for each of those officers to have a component for the things that I mentioned previously.

Hon TJORN SIBMA: Minister, would you be able to provide me with the formula that you referred to? It would be a matter of public interest to know actually how much an additional police officer costs.

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### RESPONSE

The Western Australia Police Force advises that the 150 extra police officer submission for \$73.37 million over the four years was based on the following Department of Treasury costing assumptions:

- Recruit salary for 6 months (length of training) and thereafter 1<sup>st</sup> year constable rate with increments across the forward estimates period commencing in 2020-21.
- Average salary on costs of \$20,000 per FTE.
- Average operating costs of \$22,000 per FTE.

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