



Terms of Reference – Inquiry into Violence Against Emergency Services Personnel

1. That the Legislative Assembly Committee on Law and Safety inquire into and report on:
 - a. the adequacy of current measures in place to protect emergency services personnel from violence including internal policies and procedures, training, and public education campaigns;
 - b. whether current sentencing options for people who assault or murder emergency services personnel remain effective;
 - c. possible options for reform;
 - d. any other related matter.
2. In examining these issues the Committee should have regard to:
 - a. all emergency services personnel, including police; ambulance officers; firefighters; protective services officers; SES workers; lifesavers; marine rescuers; and nurses, doctors and other hospital staff who provide or support emergency treatment;
 - b. the incidence of assaults on and homicides of emergency services personnel;
 - c. current sentencing patterns for assaults on and homicides of emergency services personnel;
 - d. the experience of other jurisdictions.