

**25 JUNE 2001**

(GENERAL PURPOSE STANDING COMMITTEE NO. 3)

**PORTFOLIO**

**POLICE**

**QUESTIONS TAKEN ON NOTICE**

**1. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) In relation to Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, page 14-8, how much money was spent prosecuting high-level drug traffickers and persons involved in organised crime in relation to the failed charges against John Preston for the importation of cigarettes into New South Wales from Queensland to avoid duty? How much money was spent on legal costs in pursuing this matter and how much was paid or is likely to be paid by way of damages, or compensation for that matter?
- (2) How many man-hours, investigation hours and Crime Commission hours were spent on this matter, which could have really been focused on fighting organised gang crime related to drug trafficking?

**Answer:**

- (1) I am advised that there were no charges against John Preston relating to the importation of cigarettes into New South Wales from Queensland.
- (2) I am advised that the Crime Commission did not investigate such a matter.

**2. Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

Could you give the Committee an update on the number of firearms that have gone missing (from the NSW Police Service), if any, during the past 12 months?

**Answer:**

I am advised that that no firearms have gone missing in the past 12 months.

**3. Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

Is the officer who killed James Hallinan on 24 February still on active duty and, if so, is he still working for the State Protection Group and available for siege-type situations?

**Answer:**

This matter is subject to a coronial inquiry and it would be improper for me to comment further pending the Coroner's findings in the matter.

**4. Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—**

- (1) (a) Will the Minister assure the Committee that the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act will not allow matching of DNA in the families of missing persons with crimes scene stains thought to have been left by offenders and the possible use of such information in terms of tracking down offenders?
- (b) Are you confident there is a separation there?
- (2) How many New South Wales police have been killed or injured by the accidental discharge of service Glock pistols since they were introduced and how many police have been killed or injured by the deliberate discharge of firearms by offenders since the introduction of Glocks?
- (3) Are Glocks providing greater protection to police officers?

**Answer:**

- (1) (a) and (b) The Honourable Member asked a similar question in November 2000 (No. 766 in Questions and Answers Paper No. 83).

Whilst the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000* is administered by the Attorney General, I can reiterate my previous response that it is the Government's intention that DNA profiles from families of missing persons are used solely to assist in the identification of deceased remains or biological material alleged to belong to a missing person.

- (2) I am advised there has been six in total and that no fault has been attributed to the use of 'Glock' pistols.
- (3) Yes.

**5. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

How much was the Police Service payment for Mr Ryan's trip to Salt Lake City in November last year?

**Answer:**

As reported in the Police Service 2000/01 Annual Report, Commissioner Ryan travelled to Athens and London as well as to Salt Lake City on Olympic duties in November, 2000. I am advised that the cost of the trip was funded by the Olympic Security budget, not the Police Service budget and expenses incurred during the period spent in Athens at the IOC Co-ordination Commission meeting were funded by SOCOG. I am advised that travel was to fulfil the host city obligations regarding the Olympic Transfer of Knowledge Program.

**6. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

How much time have you spent overseas since last June?

**Answer:**

I am advised that the Commissioner's travel has been in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and approved by the Minister for Police.

**7. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) How many complaints have there been and how many inquiries are currently underway to investigate allegations made in relation to the New South Wales Police Academy at Goulburn—I think it is now the Police College—and when will the findings be made public?
- (2) (a) Page 14-3 of Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, states that at the end of January 2001 there were 13,605 police.
- (b) How many were there on long-term sick leave in January and how many now?

**Answer:**

- (1) I am advised that the Police Service's Complaints Information System records 17 complaints concerning the Academy/College in the 2000/2001 financial year. 12 of these matters are yet to be finalised. The Ombudsman will be advised of the Service's response to these complaints, in accordance with the requirements of Part 8A of the *Police Service Act 1990*.
- (2) (a) I am advised that there were 13,605 police at the end of January 2001.
- (b) The number of officers on long term sick leave in January varied from day to day, as it does now.

**8. Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

What is the salary cost of the people themselves?

**Answer:**

I am advised that salary costs are determined in accordance with Government guidelines.

**9. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

What was the total cost of the investigation into the disappearance of Mrs Kerry Whelan?

**Answer:**

I am advised that the Police Service's Financial Management System does not capture costs in relation to individual investigations.

**10. Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) What was the total cost to the New South Wales Police Service of transporting and protecting Ivan Milat for his recent court appearance in Toronto?
- (2) What has been the total cost of legal services provided by Mr Ian Temby QC to New South Wales police officers giving evidence before the Parliamentary and Police Integrity Commission inquiries during the 2000-2001 financial year?

**Answer:**

- (1) I am advised that the Police Service's Financial Management System does not capture costs in such a way so as to identify such costs.

- (2) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances and the need for such expenditure.

**11. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, page 14-4, indicates that 500 police have been released for operational duties through the Police Assistance Line being brought into play. Which Local Area Commands or other operational duties have these police been allocated to, in what numbers to each of those respective local commands or other operations and when were they allocated to these areas?

**Answer:**

Budget Paper Number 3, Volume 2, p 14-4 refers to "the freeing up of police time for front line duties". Police time equivalent to 500 officers has been freed up at all Local Area Commands. All police officers at Local Area Commands now have more time available for operational policing duties rather than answering telephone calls.

**12. Mr Pearce asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) I refer you to Budget Paper No. 3, Volume 2, p 14-3 where you claim that "there was no reported increase in crimes of violence or firearms crime". How do you justify this claim against recently released Australian Bureau of Crime Statistics figures which show that in NSW the number of assaults went up from 63,811 in 1999 to 68,714 in 2000, an increase of 4,903 and the number of robberies went up from 12,554 in 1999 to 13,325 in 2000, an increase of 771?
- (2) How do you justify the difference between the Victorian statistics and the NSW statistics where in each of these crime categories the Victorian crime rate has fallen in 2000 when compared with 1999?
- (3) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-1 precise outlines the 1998-99 restructure which produced savings and indicate how the restructure did produce those savings.
- (4) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-3 and your claims about police numbers, is it not a fact that at 30<sup>th</sup> April 2001 there were 55 fewer police than there were on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1999 at the time of the last State election, and is it not the case that you are not in a position to guarantee that the police strength will again fall below the strength as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 1999?
- (5) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-4 and your comments that the Police Service Management System will be placed on on-line access from any police station in the State, when will Malabar, Randwick, Woolloomooloo, Paddington, Redfern and The Rocks go on-line for this purpose and will you guarantee that they will remain on-line for this purpose beyond March 2003?
- (6) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-4 when will Livescan technology be introduced to Police stations at Malabar, Randwick, Woolloomooloo, Paddington, Redfern and The Rocks?
- (7) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-5 and DNA technology, when will you adopt the provisions of the Federal Model Bill which allows for the testing of people who have served terms of imprisonment but are no longer in gaol?
- (8) Given your recent comments about people being in gaol who may have been identified through DNA testing when do you estimate that all people who claim to be innocent will have been tested and what plans do you have in place to compensate them for imprisonment should their claims prove well founded?
- (9) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-5 how do you reconcile claims in the Budget Papers that you are addressing long term organisation reform issues identified by the Royal Commission when the Independent

Audit found on page 75 of their report that *“It is our view that the Service has relegated the Royal Commission to the background and is seeking to influence public opinion in the direction of the Commissioner’s own reform agenda”?*

- (10) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-6 and your claims about the civilianisation program involving an estimated 159 police positions to be released to the front-line, does this mean that 159 extra civilian positions have been created or how otherwise does the civilianisation program work to produce these figures?
- (11) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-6 and your comments about bringing together police and youth and community groups, why are Police and Community Youth Clubs in North Sydney, Newtown and Paddington being sold?
- (12) Will you guarantee that some of the concerns of your own backbench are met and police numbers are maintained at the Lake Illawarra Police and Community Youth Club?
- (13) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-6 and the reference to cultural and linguistic diversity issues how many Police currently speak Chinese (Mandarin and/or Cantonese) and or Vietnamese?
- (14) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-7 and your claim about the provision of functional and cost effective police accommodation where it is needed, why has the Walker building at Botany Road, Mascot been constructed with space for more than 300 police officers when it is currently only housing the Botany Bay Area Command?
- (15) Given your comments that the spare space may be leased out for non-police functions who is responsible for drawing up the plans for the Walker Building to be its current size?
- (16) What plans are there for the closure or amalgamations of police stations in Eastern Sydney, when will these plans be released?
- (17) Why are you refusing to release under Freedom of Information, documents, on claimed grounds of public interest, documents relating to the use of public relations consultants in connection with police station closures?
- (18) Will you guarantee there will be no police station closures in Eastern Sydney between now and March 2003 and beyond?
- (19) What plans do you have to close any of the following stations?
  - (a) Woolloomooloo
  - (b) Paddington
  - (c) Redfern
  - (d) Randwick
  - (e) Malabar
  - (f) Broadway
  - (g) The Rocks
- (20) In relation to the reference to Budget Estimates Page 14-10 and your claim that the estimated total expenses of the Commission will amount to \$16 million, why is it that the net cost of services is budgeted to fall this year for the Police Integrity Commission by over \$8000,000 in light of the sort of evidence currently being given to the Police Integrity Commission Inquiry in to the Behavioural Change Unit?

- (21) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-10 given the reference to the Qualitative and Strategic Audit of the Reform Process (QSARP), do you reject the premier's comments about the first audit report that it is "*management jargon*"?
- (22) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-15 and the total expenses listed, why is it that you have increased the budget of the public servants who advise you by almost \$400,000 at the same time reducing the budgets for the key policing programs including community support, criminal investigation, traffic and judicial support?
- (23) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-22 how can you justify a cut back of \$20,000,000 in the budget for criminal investigation when you are saying that the number of scenes where latent prints will be taken is up by 1,000 from 24,000 to 25,000?
- (24) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-22 how can you justify a cut back of \$20,000,000 in the budget for criminal investigation when you are saying that matters where alleged offenders are to be proceeded against is set to rise from 157,000 to 160,000?
- (25) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-23 given that the budget for criminal investigation is set to drop by \$20,000,000 this year and given that your excuse for this is that last year's budget related to extraordinary Olympic items, exactly what Olympic Policing items to a value of \$20,000,000 fell under the criminal investigation budget as distinct from other program areas?
- (26) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-26 how can you explain a fall in the expenses for judicial support of \$7,553 when there is expected to be an increase of 3,000 of the number of people proceeded against from 157,000 to 160,000 and what elements of judicial support warranted a blow-out in the budget over the Olympic Games period as claimed by you when in fact most of the courts were not sitting at all over the Olympic Games period?
- (27) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-33 what is it about the Police Integrity Commission that would have caused a fall off in their budget and is it not the case that programs that have got nothing to do with Olympic Security have been paying for Olympic security under your budget preparations?
- (28) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-26 how much police time is taken up across the State transporting persons in custody between police stations and gaols and police stations and courts?
- (29) In relation to the Criminal Investigation budget on Budget Estimates Page 14-22 how many extra staff have been put on to do DNA testing of prisoners.
- (30) In relation to Budget Paper No 4 State Asset Acquisition Program Page 74 how many police will be housed in Kogarah Police Station?
- (31) In relation to Budget Paper No 4 State Asset Acquisition Program Page 74 how many police will be housed in Waratah Police Station?
- (32) How many police can be housed in Auburn Police Station? How many police can be housed in Ashfield Police Station? How many police are currently there in each case?
- (33) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-10 what are you and/or the Police Integrity Commission doing to refocus the Police Service's Reform Coordination Unit back on to the Royal Commission recommendations and away from the Commissioner's "*A1 reform priorities*" as identified on Page IX of the Independent Audit Report?
- (34) In relation to Budget Estimates Page 14-15 why are the average staffing levels for the public servants who advise you up, when as recently as 3 months ago there were fewer sworn police (13,446 in April 2001) in the service than there were 2 years ago, when by comparison there were 13,521 sworn police officers?

**Answer:**

- (1) The Government relies on figures produced by the Bureau of Crime Statistics. I refer the Honourable Member to the Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research (BOCSAR) report 'New South Wales Recorded Crime Statistics 2000' on page 4.
- (2) I am advised that on many relevant factors such as population size and density the two States are very different and therefore caution should be used in making any comparisons of assault and robbery rates.
- (3) The Ministry for Police was restructured in 1998/99 to achieve efficiencies in corporate support and administration. Some financial services were outsourced to the Police Service and technology, including Voicemail, document scanning and Internet access was acquired, reducing the need for administrative support. I am advised that these changes enabled a reduction in EFT staff numbers from 28 to 23 in the Policy Advice and Coordination Program.
- (4) Police numbers fluctuate between class graduations. The Government has provided funding for 200 additional police officers in the current and each of the two previous financial years. I am advised that Police Service projections indicate that the additional 1000 police will be achieved by the end of 2003.
- (5) The [e@agle.i](#) Investigation Management System is accessible from almost every police station in the State. I am advised that the nominated police stations of Malabar, Randwick, Woolloomooloo, Paddington, Redfern and The Rocks already have on-line access to the [e@agle.i](#) system.
- (6) I am advised that it was necessary to prioritise the locations where Livescan technology could be introduced. In accordance with the level of funding available, a number of criteria were used to determine priorities some of which included:
  - Which locations were "charge" stations;
  - The volume of charges laid at each "charge" location across the State; and
  - The extent of the installation costs for Livescan, e.g. building works, cabling, etc. which would be incurred at particular locations.

I am advised that Malabar, Randwick, Woolloomooloo, Paddington, Redfern and The Rocks will be assessed for possible inclusion in the roll out of further devices during the next financial year.
- (7) The Attorney General is responsible for the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act*.
- (8) It is estimated that the testing of current inmates will be completed by the end of this year. I am advised that any person who is found to have been wrongfully convicted, will have the usual rights to compensation.
- (9) The Commissioner's reform agenda is neither at the expense of the Royal Commission recommendations nor in conflict with them. The two are inter-related and compliment each other.
- (10) The civilianisation program involves the creation of an additional 159 civilian positions to enable police to be released to front-line duties.
- (11) Police & Community Youth Clubs NSW Ltd (PCYC) is a charitable company that is independent of the Government and the NSW Police Service. The PCYC Board is responsible for the location of PCYC clubs in NSW, and for their opening or closure.
- (12) The Government is committed to maintaining a uniformed police presence in each and every Police & Community Youth Club.

- (13) The Police Service is continuing to target people from non-English speaking backgrounds for recruitment. Priority is given to schools, career markets and cultural events that provide opportunities to target culturally, linguistically, racially and religiously diverse groups. The Police Service also works in partnership with ethnic media groups to promote police recruitment and other police activities amongst ethnic communities.
- (14) I am advised that the Walker Building will house local police, the local area command and Highway Patrol officers.

The lease on the Avery Building in College Street expires in early 2003. This means more than 2000 police staff will have to be moved from offices in the CBD over the next two years. The majority will move to purpose-built accommodation in Parramatta.

A number may also be accommodated in the City East Region. Staff currently working at premises in Zetland will also need to be rehoused because of the Green Square redevelopment.

If needed, the extra space at the Walker Building will allow the Service to meet those requirements. If not required, I am advised that the space will be sublet.

- (15) I am advised that Gale Planning were engaged by the Police Service on a number of property related and planning matters including the lease of the Walker Building at Mascot as a replacement for the antiquated Mascot Police Station.
- (16) The Government has no plans to close police stations in the City East Region.
- (17) In order to refuse an application under the FOI Act it is first necessary to receive one. I am advised that I have not received an application for access to documents of the nature referred to.

Freedom of Information applications to the Police Service are determined by the Commissioner or his delegate, in accordance with the Act.

- (18) There are no plans to close police stations in the City East Region
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- (20) I am advised that the total expenses for the Commission have remained stable.
- (21) I agree with the Premier that it's important not to be sidetracked by terminology. Staying focussed on the practical tasks of reform is the challenge.
- (22) Budget Paper Number 3, p 14-15 shows that the Ministry for Police average staffing was below normal levels in 2000-01. Normal levels are expected to be achieved in 2001-02 and the budget is set accordingly. After allowing for one-off Olympics-related funding in 2000-01, the budgets for all Police programs have increased.
- (23) After allowing for one-off Olympics related funding in 2000-01, the Criminal Investigations budget has increased by \$7 million.
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- (25) After allowing for one-off Olympics related funding in 2000-01, the Criminal Investigations budget has increased by \$7 million.
- (26) After allowing for one-off Olympics related funding in 2000-01, the Judicial Support budget has increased by \$2.4 million.
- (27) I am advised that the total expenses for the Commission have remained stable.



- (28) This Government has taken the initiative to transfer responsibility for prisoner escorts and management to the Department of Corrective Services. The current phase of this initiative will save the equivalent in police time of 120 officers. I am advised that a committee has been established to finalise implementation of this phase and to identify other locations across the State where substantial amounts of police time is spent on these duties. The committee is chaired by Region Commander Chris Evans, Georges River Region, and includes representatives from the Department of Corrective Services, the Ministry for Police and the Attorney General's Department.
- (29) I am advised that staffing is determined on an as needs basis according to the program's requirements.
- (30) It is anticipated that the new Kogarah Police Station will be ready for occupation in January 2002. Numbers allocated to individual police stations is at the discretion of the Local Area Commander.
- (31) Numbers allocated to individual police stations is at the discretion of the Local Area Commander.
- (32) Numbers allocated to individual police stations is at the discretion of the Local Area Commander.
- (33) The Royal Commission recommendations and the Commissioner's reform agenda are not mutually exclusive. Accordingly, there is no question of moving the Service "away from" the Commissioner's reform agenda.
- The Reform Coordination Unit has been incorporated in the new strategically focused Organisational Policy and Development (OP&D) section. OP&D is represented on the Commissioner's Executive Team and exists to provide the Service with integrated planning, policy and evaluation. OP&D is the area with the major responsibility for managing reform, including ongoing issues arising from the QSARP.
- (34) I am advised that average Staffing Levels for the Minister's Office were below normal in 2000-01.

**13. Mr Gallacher asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) (a) Did you seek or receive reimbursement or did your Government agency pay, or is in process of paying, for an 'out-of-pocket' expense, incurred by you as outlined in Ministerial Memorandum No. 99-24, in 2000-01?
- (b) If so, what was the breakdown of these expenses?
- (c) What is the forecast amount to be spent in 2001-02?
- (2) (a) What was the breakdown of expenditure for the day-to-day running of your Ministerial Office in 2000-01?
- (b) What is the forecast for expenditure in 2001-02?
- (3) (a) Does your Ministerial Office have a discretionary allowance?
- (b) How was it expended during 2000-01?
- (c) What is the forecast for expenditure in 2001-02?
- (4) (a) What is the breakdown of expenditure as authorised by your Chief of Staff, and outlined in Ministerial Memorandum No. 96-28 for 2000-01?
- (b) What is the forecast for expenditure in 2001-02?
- (5) What was the total cost of salaries for your Ministerial staff in 2000-01?
- (6) What was the total cost of your Ministerial motor vehicle expenses in 2000-01?

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- (7) For each agency in your portfolio what was spent in 2000-01 on media services?
- (8) In relation to the Brisbane Waters Local Area Command:
- (a) How many police officers and police hours were involved in Operation Radnice conducted in the Brisbane Water Local Area Command?
  - (b) What funding was received for the purchase of personal security alarms for senior citizens in the command area?
  - (c) How many alarms were purchased?
  - (d) How many alarms were in use as at 1 June 2001?
  - (e) Are there currently any senior citizens on a waiting list to receive an alarm?
  - (f) If so, how many are waiting and how long have they been waiting?
  - (g) How many alarms have been lost, stolen or been deemed to be irretrievable since they were distributed?
  - (h) How many activations of alarms have been recorded?
  - (i) How many of these were genuine and how many were false alarms?
  - (j) What was the average response time of police officers?
  - (k) What was the longest delay in responding to an alarm activation?
- (9) The 2001-02 Budget states that there were an additional 927 officers appointed to the NSW Police Service as at the end of January 2001. Of these, how many are stationed at:
- (a) Brisbane Waters Local Area Command
  - (b) Terrigal Police Station
  - (c) Gosford Police Station
  - (d) Kincumber Police Station?
- (10) (a) Will Terrigal Police Station be re-instated to a 24 hour police station?
- (b) If so, when?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (11) (a) Is there any provision for 'beat police' in the 2001-02 Budget?
- (b) If so, how many will be allocated to Brisbane Waters Local Area Command?
  - (c) If not, why not?
- (12) (a) Is there any provision for full time General Duties officers at Kincumber Police Station in the 2001-02 Budget?
- (b) If so, how many, and which month are they expected to commence duties?
  - (c) If not, when will general duties police be allocated to Kincumber Police Station?

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- (13) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, how much money was spent on advertising in 2000-01?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each campaign and cost?
- (14) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, what is the estimate of money to be spent on advertising in 2001-02?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each campaign and cost?
- (15) (a) For each of portfolio agencies, how much was spent on consultants in 2000-01?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each consultant, project and cost?
- (16) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, what is the estimate of money to be spent on consultants in 2001-02?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each consultant, project and cost?
- (17) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, how much was spent on overseas trips in 2000-01 by officials?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?
- (18) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies, what is the estimate of money to be spent on overseas trips in 2001-02 by officials?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?
- (19) (a) What is the total cost of your overseas trips in 2000-01?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?  
(c) For each trip, can you please provide a breakdown in airfare costs, hotel costs, car hire and accompanying staff and officials?
- (20) (a) What is the estimate of money to be spent on your overseas trips in 2001-02?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?  
(c) For each trip, can you please provide a breakdown in airfare costs, hotel costs, car hire and accompanying staff and officials?
- (21) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies how much was spent on interstate trips in 2000-01 by officials?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?
- (22) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies what is the estimate of money to be spent on interstate trips in 2001-02 by officials?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?
- (23) (a) What is the total cost of your interstate trips in 2000-01?  
(b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?  
(c) For each trip, can you please provide a breakdown in airfare costs, hotel costs, care hire, and accompanying staff and officials?
- (24) (a) What is the estimate of money to be spent on your interstate trips in 2001-02?

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- (b) Can you please provide a list of each trip, purpose and cost?
- (c) For each trip, can you please provide a breakdown in airfare costs, hotel costs, care hire, and accompanying staff and officials?
- (25) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies how much money in total was spent on Olympic-related costs?
- (b) Of this amount how much was reimbursed by additional appropriations, or by assistance from Olympic agencies?
- (26) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies how much money was spent on performance pay for public servants in 1999-00 and 2000-01?
- (b) Did you personally approve these bonus payments?
- (27) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies how many times were matters referred for independent investigation to ICAC in 2000-01?
- (b) Can you please provide a breakdown of these referrals?
- (28) (a) In 2000-01 how much was spent on your ministerial expenses?
- (b) Can you please provide a breakdown by expense, for example, hotel expenses, office refurbishments et cetera?
- (c) What is the forecast amount to be spent in 2001-02?
- (29) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies how much money was spent for entertainment purposes in 2000-01?
- (b) What was the breakdown by cost and nature of these functions?
- (c) What is the forecast to be spent in 2001-02?
- (30) (a) In 2000-01 how many board appointments were made by you or by your portfolio agencies?
- (b) Of these appointments, how many were women?
- (c) Of these appointments how many were of people from a non-English speaking background?
- (d) Of these appointments, how many were of people with a disability?
- (e) Of these appointments how many were Aboriginal Torres Strait Islanders?
- (f) Of these appointments how many were young people?
- (31) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 what fees and fines were increased and by how much?
- (b) In 2001-02 what is the forecast for fees and fines to be increased and by how much?
- (32) (a) In 2000-01 for each of portfolio agencies how many media or public relations advisers were employed?
- (b) What is the total cost of this?
- (c) What is the forecast for 2001-02 for the number of media or public relations advisers to be employed and their total cost?
- (33) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 how much was spent on legal expenses?

- (b) What was the breakdown for these expenses?
- (34) In 2000-01 how much did you spend on legal expenses?
- (35) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 how much was spent on public opinion surveys?  
 (b) What was the breakdown for the cost of these surveys?
- (36) (a) How many Ministerial Staff are currently employed by you?  
 (b) What is the total salary cost of these staff?
- (37) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 how much was spent on office fitouts and refurbishments?  
 (b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?
- (38) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 how much was spent on the cost of leases in the Sydney CBD?  
 (b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?
- (39) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 was there any vacant or under-utilised office space?  
 (b) If so, how much did this cost?
- (40) (a) For each of your portfolio agencies in 2000-01 how much was spent on the salary packages for Senior Executive Service?  
 (b) What is the estimated cost for 2001-02?

**Answer:**

- (1) (a) to (c) Ministerial memorandum 99-24 provides guidelines on the policy for reimbursement of expenses related to general expenses. The expenditure must relate to expenditure on official government business.
- (2) (a) Expenditure for Ministerial Offices is determined by the Budget Committee of Cabinet. Expenditure must be in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act.  
 (b) Expenditure for Ministerial Offices is determined by the Budget Committee of Cabinet. Expenditure must be in accordance with the provisions of the Public Finance and Audit Act.
- (3) (a) As there is no definition of 'discretionary allowance' it is impossible to answer this question.  
 (b) As per previous answer.  
 (c) As per previous answer.
- (4) (a) Approval of expenditure must be in accordance with delegations and in accordance with the Public Finance and Audit Act.  
 (b) This will depend on the nature and extent of any expenditure in 2001-02.
- (5) Expenditure was in accordance with the remuneration levels determined by the Director General of Premier's Department as the employer of ministerial staff.
- (6) Motor vehicle management is undertaken within policies administered by State Fleet Services and the Department of Public Works and Services.

- (7) As there is no definition of media services this question is difficult to answer.

As was the case under the former Coalition Government, all agencies undertake a range of monitoring activities and monitoring is undertaken within appropriate delegations.

- (8) (a) Operation Radnice, was a local pro-active drug operation, conducted on 31 January, 2000 by Detectives attached to Brisbane Water Local Area Command. I am advised that the operation involved two primary targets suspected of heroin supply and was conducted in the Woy Woy Leagues Club resulting in the arrest of one offender. The following police numbers were involved:

2 x Detectives  
5.x General Duties Police

Approximately 90 police hours were spent on the operation.

I am advised that following Operation Radnice in July 2000, a further controlled operation was conducted targeting the same offenders resulting in the arrest of the primary target for supplying heroin. This further operation was separate from Radnice, involving local and external police resources.

- (b) Funding was provided in 1998-99.
- (c) I am advised that funding was provided for the provision of 300 alarms in 1998-99.
- (d) No records are kept on this basis. The use of the alarms is at the discretion of the recipients.
- (e) I am not aware of any further requests for funding.
- (f) See above.
- (g) Once the alarms have been distributed, they become the personal property of the recipient. Loss or theft may be reported via the normal channels, however loss or theft of personal alarms is not specifically monitored.
- (h-k) I am advised that this is not a back to base alarm system.
- (9) (a) to (d) I am advised that in November 1994 before this Government came to office Brisbane Waters Local Area Command had 167 police. On 1 July 2001, Brisbane Waters Local Area Command had 199 officers, an increase of 32. The allocation of police to police stations is at the discretion of the Local Area Commander, in accordance with operational needs.
- (10) (a) to (c) Staffing of police stations is an operational issue and decisions are made by the Local Area Commander.
- (11) (a) to (c) The distinction between beat police and other General Duties police was eliminated on the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Police Response in Operations (SCORPIO) in order to increase the flexibility of Local Area Commanders in the deployment of their resources.
- (12) (a) to (c) The allocation of police at police stations is at the discretion of the Local Area Commander in accordance with operational needs.
- (13) (a) and (b) I am advised that all advertising was undertaken in accordance with Government guidelines for advertising.
- (14) (a) The exact cost will depend on the nature and scope of advertising identified for 2001-02.
- (b) This will depend on the nature and scope of advertising identified for 2001-02.

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- (15) (a) and (b) The cost of consultants is reflected in the Annual Report.
- (16) (a) Payments are made out of general operating expenses.
- (b) It is not possible to answer this question at this stage of the financial year. Expenditure will depend on the need for consultancy services throughout the year.
- (17) (a) Details regarding all official overseas travel is included in the Annual Report.
- (b) All official overseas travel is included in the Annual Report.
- (18) (a) International travel by public servants is undertaken in accordance with appropriate guidelines.
- Expenditure in 2001-2002 will depend on particular issues requiring overseas travel.
- (b) It is too early to provide an estimate at this stage of the financial year. However, the Annual Report for 2001/02 will contain the full list.
- (19) (a) Official travel is undertaken in accordance with appropriate guidelines.
- (b) and (c) I am advised that costs incurred during official overseas travel were in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.
- (20) (a) This will depend on the nature and scope of any travel undertaken in 2001-02.
- (b) and (c) I am advised that costs incurred during official overseas travel will be in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.
- (21) (a) I am advised that interstate travel was undertaken in accordance with appropriate guidelines.
- (b) I am advised that costs incurred during interstate travel was in accordance with the appropriate guidelines.
- (22) (a) This will depend on the nature and scope of any travel undertaken in 2001-02.
- (b) I am advised that costs incurred during official interstate travel will be in accordance with appropriate guidelines.
- (23) (a) I am advised that official travel was undertaken in accordance with guidelines and within costs expectations.
- (b) I am advised that official travel was undertaken in accordance with appropriate guidelines and in a cost effective manner.
- (c) I am advised that official travel was undertaken in accordance with appropriate guidelines and in a cost effective manner.
- (24) (a) It is too early to provide an estimate at this stage of the financial year. However, expenditure will depend on the nature and scope of any travel in 2001-02.
- (b) See previous answer.
- (c) See previous answer.
- (25) (a) I am advised that expenditure was in accordance with Olympic-related priorities.
- (b) I am advised that expenditure was in accordance with agency requirements.

- (26) (a) On 28 August 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2000-21 was issued indicating that performance pay was not to be made available to members of the Chief and Senior Executive Services.
- In August 2001 details of performance payments were published in the Sydney media relating to a range of performance payments made in 2000.
- (b) Approvals for performance payments as well as all other remuneration to members of the Senior Executive Service were made by the respective Chief Executive Officer.
- (27) (a) and (b) It is not appropriate to canvass issues that may be the subject of an ICAC investigation.
- (28) (a) and (b) I am advised that expenditure was in accordance with the relevant approvals and guidelines.
- (c) This will depend on the extent and nature of requirements.
- (29) (a) I am advised that expenditure was undertaken within the allocations to agencies.
- (b) See previous answer.
- (c) This will depend on the nature and extent of expenditure required. It is too early in the financial year to estimate a figure.
- (30) (a) The Government provided a detailed response to Question 1312 in December 2000.
- (b) to (f) Refer to previous answers in the notice paper regarding this issue.
- (31) (a) and (b) I am advised that fee increases are originated within agencies on an annual or periodic basis and are referred to Parliament's Regulation Review Committee for consideration. Most increases fall within the Consumer Price Index (CPI).
- Fines are set under the relevant legislation and are usually subject to annual CPI adjustments.
- (32) (a) Staff numbers will vary from time to time depending on leave or peak periods.
- (b) See previous answer.
- (c) Staff numbers will vary from time to time depending on leave or peak periods.
- (33) (a) and (b) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances, the need for such expenditure and within appropriate guidelines
- In the case of core work for public sector agencies the Crown Solicitor meets these costs.
- (34) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances and the need for such expenditure.
- (35) (a) and (b) On 20 December 2000 Premier's Memorandum 2000-28 was issued indicating that under no circumstances should surveys of clients, other users of government services or citizens be used to elicit information of a political nature.
- (36) (a) Ministerial staff are employed by the Director General of the Premier's Department in accordance with the provisions of the Public Sector Management Act 1988.
- (b) I am advised that all costs were in accordance with the expenditure necessary to facilitate the effective functioning of the office and within allocations to Ministerial Offices.



- (37) (a) I am advised that all expenditure was in accordance with guidelines and procedures for office fit-outs and refurbishment.
- (b) This will depend on the nature and extent of any changes to office fit-outs and refurbishment.
- (38) (a) Expenditure on lease of government office accommodation followed careful review of the particular circumstances and needs of agencies. The Government Asset Management Committee oversees policy of government accommodation.
- (b) This will depend on a range of factors and it is too early in the financial year to estimate expenditure. The Government Asset Management Committee will oversight leasing issues.
- (39) (a) and (b) The Government Asset Management Committee oversees all asset management in the NSW public sector. The GAMC ensures that all agencies adopt a strategic approval to property management.
- (40) (a) Salary packages for the Senior Executive Service are set by the Statutory and Other Offices Tribunal. Current bands for each level are:
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| Level 8 | \$258,000 to \$318,315 |
| Level 7 | \$218,615 to \$276,135 |
| Level 6 | \$181,960 to \$219,510 |
| Level 5 | \$158,840 to \$194,770 |
| Level 4 | \$145,350 to \$169,420 |
| Level 3 | \$132,410 to \$155,575 |
| Level 2 | \$118,675 to \$137,145 |
| Level 1 | \$109,225 to \$127,130 |
- (b) This will depend on the number of SES officers employed and their current point within the particular range.

**14. Ms Rhiannon asked the Minister for Police, the Hon Paul Whelan, MP—]**

- (1) (a) Has a strategic plan been adopted for managing police properties, with a view to providing healthy and safe working conditions for all police officers?
- (b) If so, how much funding has been allocated for the upcoming financial year to upgrade police stations in NSW?
- (c) How much funding has specifically been allocated to upgrade Chatswood, Muswellbrook and Wagga Wagga Police Stations respectively?
- (2) (a) What are the recruitment targets for the NSW Police Service for the 2001/2002 financial year?
- (b) How many officers are expected to be in the Service by 1st January 2003?
- (3) How much money has been spent on legal representation for police officers appearing before the Police Integrity Commission?

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- (4) On what basis was legal representation withdrawn for Mr Mal Brammer, head of Internal Affairs?
- (5) What has been the total cost of legal services provided by Ian Temby QC to NSW police officers giving evidence before Parliamentary and Police Integrity Commission inquiries during 2000/2001?
- (6) Why did Deputy Commissioner Jarratt require the assistance of Ian Temby QC when appearing before the Inquiry into Police Resources in Cabramatta?
- (7) (a) At page 14-3 in the Budget Papers, it is stated that police issued 55,942 directions to move on under the *Police and Public Safety Act 1998* in the twelve month period to December 2000. How many of these directions were issued against:
- (i) juveniles;
  - (ii) Aboriginal people; and
  - (iii) people from a non-English speaking background?
- (b) How many of these directions were issued in each Local Area Command?
- (8) In the Budget papers at page 4-8 there is a reference to the Justice Agency Data Exchange project, which is described as enabling the electronic transfer of data between the Attorney-General's Department, the NSW Police Service, the Department of Juvenile Justice and the Director of Public Prosecutions, "thereby saving costs and increasing community safety." Is data regarding substitute care or wardship status, either current or former, included in the Justice Agency Data Exchange project?
- (9) In the 1998 Ormond report the Community Services Commissioner indicated that at least 1/3 to 1/2 of police time in the Hornsby patrol was being taken up with dealing with a handful of children at Ormond. How much time do police spend in matters dealing with children and young people in the care of the state?
- (10) (a) How many police operations providing security to individual private citizens not involved in criminal investigations were undertaken in 2000/2001?
- (b) What was their total cost?
- (11) Was John Lethwaite provided with police protection during the period after his release from prison? If so, how much did this cost?
- (12) (a) How many overseas trips at taxpayer expense did Commissioner Ryan take during 2000/2001? What was the total cost of these trips?
- (b) Is the Commissioner subject to a cap on his travelling expenses and if so, how much?
- (13) How is the purpose, significance and details of Commissioner Ryan's overseas trips communicated to other senior police officers?
- (14) What measures have been taken to address the Commissioner's claims that he was 'white-anted' by other senior police whilst overseas?
- (15) (a) When is the Police Powers (Internally Concealed Drugs) Act expected to come into force?
- (b) What estimates are available as to how many medical procedures will be ordered by police under this legislation in its first year of operation?
- (c) What is estimated to be the cost of these procedures?

- (d) How will these procedures be funded – will it be from the Police, Health, or another budget?
- (16) Does the NSW Police Service have any plans for acquiring the capability to perform medical procedures allowed for under the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act and/or the Police Powers (Internally Concealed Drugs) Bill?
- (17) Does the NSW Police Service have any plans to enter into contracts with medical service providers for carrying out medical procedures allowed for under the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act and/or the Police Powers (Internally Concealed Drugs) Bill?
- (18) (a) What has been the cost of the drug detection dog program during 2000/2001?  
(b) What is the projected cost for 2001/2002?
- (19) (a) How many operations using drug detection dogs in public places were carried out in 2000/2001?  
(b) What illicit drugs are these dogs able to detect?
- (20) What was the total cost of police operations using drug detection dogs in public spaces during 2000/2001?
- (21) What was the total estimated 'street value' of drugs seized during operations using drug detection dogs in public spaces during 2000/2001?
- (22) (a) How many individuals were searched with the assistance of drug detection dogs in 2000/2001?  
(b) On how many occasions were illegal drugs discovered and what kind of illegal drugs were they?
- (23) (a) Considering that Muslims believe contact with dogs to be unclean, does the NSW Police Service have a policy for dealing with the religious sensitivities of some Australians in the use of drug detection dogs?  
(b) Does the NSW Police Service make use of Corrective Services sniffer dogs or handlers in their operations?
- (24) (a) What performance indicators are used to determine the progress of the Commissioner in meeting his objective of "one direction, one boss, one Service"?  
(b) What evidence exists to back the Commissioner's claim to have met this objective?
- (25) (a) What was the total cost to NSW taxpayers of employing UK officers Ken Seddon and Robin Napper?  
(b) Does this include costs incurred as the result of requiring them to return to give evidence to PIC inquiries?
- (26) What measures will be taken in 2001/2002 to address the differences in strategy and intelligence analysis between operational and managerial police revealed to the Inquiry into Police Resources in Cabramatta by Detective Tim Priest and Assistant Commissioner Clive Small?
- (27) What measures will be taken in 2001/2002 to address the differences between senior police officers over the direction and the rate of cultural change as revealed by a string of officers appearing before recent Police Integrity Commission hearings?
- (28) What evidence is there that DNA testing will reduce the length and trauma of court trials for victims?
- (29) (a) What was the total cost to NSW taxpayers of police forensic testing in 2000/2001?  
(b) What is estimated to be the total cost of NSW police forensic testing for 2001/2002?

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- (30) What actions have been taken to identify the ACT and Federal prisoners in NSW prisons who 'slipped through the cracks' and were illegally DNA tested by NSW police (as reported in the Canberra Times on March 13, 2001)?
- (31) (a) How many ACT and Federal prisoners have been illegally DNA tested by NSW police?  
(b) Have these samples been analysed?  
(c) If the samples have not been analysed yet what will happen to these samples?
- (33) Will the samples and profiles of prisoners tested illegally be actually destroyed or will they be de-identified and kept as provided for by the Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act?
- (34) (a) How much has been allocated in 2001/02 to the formation of an 'Institute of Forensic Science' as promised by the Premier and Police Minister in March 2000?  
(b) When will this Institute commence operation?
- (35) (a) How much was spent in 2000/2001 upgrading existing forensic testing facilities?  
(b) How much will be spent in 2001/2002?
- (36) (a) How many forensic samples per month are currently being collected by NSW Police?  
(b) How many forensic samples per month are currently being analysed by NSW Forensic Services?  
(c) How many forensic samples per month are currently being analysed on behalf of NSW Police outside of NSW?
- (37) (a) Is the Minister aware that within a month of the commencement of mass DNA testing of NSW prisoners that NSW Police had begun complaining of delays of up to 2 months in obtaining tests of forensic evidence vital to current criminal investigation?  
(b) What measures will be introduced to prioritise access to forensic testing resources so as to maximise their ability to increase public safety?
- (38) (a) How many accidental discharges of NSW Police weapons have occurred since the introduction of the Glock?  
(b) How many accidental discharges of NSW Police weapons occurred in the five years prior to the introduction of the Glock?  
(c) How many deaths and injuries have resulted from accidental discharges of NSW Police Glockes?  
(d) What has been the compensation cost to NSW taxpayers arising from the accidental discharge of NSW Police Glockes?  
(e) How many NSW Police Service Glockes are currently unaccounted for?
- (39) What proportion of Category 1 complaints made against NSW Police in 2000/2001 were investigated by the Police Integrity Commission (PIC)?
- (40) How will the \$1.6 million allocated to the Police Complaints Case Management System impact upon this investigation rate?
- (41) What was the total number of Category 1 complaints investigated by the PIC during 2000/2001?

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- (42) How many Category 1 complaints does the PIC estimate it will have the capacity to investigate during 2001/2002?
- (43) How much was Hay Consulting paid for producing the March 1999-March 2000 QSARP report?
- (44) How much funding has been allocated for the 2000-2001 QSARP report?
- (45) When will the 2000-2001 QSARP report be made available to Parliament?
- (46) What actions has the Government taken to address the serious deficiencies in the reform of the NSW Police Service identified in the 1999-2000 QSARP report?
- (47) Can the Government guarantee the continuation of the QSARP process as recommended in Appendix 31 of the report of the Wood Royal Commission?
- (48) How much additional funding has been allocated to restart the stalled reform of the NSW Police Service?
- (49) What programs are to be undertaken to bolster the NSW Police reform process in 2001/2002?
- (50) What was the cost to NSW taxpayers of compensating the victims of police violence in 2000/2001?
- (51) How much money was recovered by the NSW Government in 2000/2001 through litigation against police who assaulted NSW citizens?
- (52) Is the Government aware of any pending litigation against NSW Police for actions they have taken in connection with the collection of forensic samples?
- (53) Is the Government aware of any pending litigation against NSW Police for actions they have taken whilst attending protests or demonstrations of any kind?
- (54) Is the Government aware of any pending litigation against NSW Police for the inappropriate use of capsicum spray?
- (55) Has any funding been allocated for 2001/2002 in anticipation of litigation against NSW Police violence?
- (56) How many 'siege' or 'barricade' situations did the State Protection Group attend in 2000/2001?
- (57) How many police and how many 'offenders' were involved in each operation?
- (58) What was the cost of mounting these operations during 2000/2001?
- (59) How many of these operations resulted in fatalities during 2000/2001?
- (60) Are more State Protection Group officers than necessary sometimes deployed during 'sieges' or 'barricades' as a form of training exercise for the officers involved?
- (61) What is the current policy regarding the operational status of an officer who has caused a fatality and is awaiting a finding on whether or not his or her actions were lawful?
- (62) (a) What was the cost of mounting the operation which culminated in the fatal police shooting of James Hallinan on February 24, 2001?
- (b) Is the officer who killed James Hallinan on February 24 still on active duty?
- (c) Is the commander of the operation which resulted in the death of James Hallinan still on active duty?

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- (d) Are these officers currently eligible to be called to 'siege' or 'barricade' situations?
- (e) Have either of these officers been involved in such operations since 24 February 2001?
- (63) Has the Minister taken legal advice as to the possibility of murder charges being laid over the killing of James Hallinan?
- (64) What measures have been taken to ensure that officers who might face charges arising from the death of James Hallinan do not interfere with those who may be witnesses in such proceedings?
- (65) How many currently serving NSW Police officers identify with the following communities?
- (a) Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander;
- (b) Chinese Australian;
- (c) Vietnamese Australian; or
- (d) Lebanese Australian?
- (66) How many serving NSW Police officers can fluently speak:
- (a) Vietnamese;
- (b) Thai/Laotian;
- (c) Bahasa;
- (d) Lebanese; or
- (e) Mandarin or Cantonese?
- (67) (a) How many Ethnic Community Liaison Officers are currently employed in NSW?
- (b) How many of these speak:
- (i) Vietnamese;
- (ii) Thai/Laotian;
- (iii) Bahasa;
- (iv) Lebanese; or
- (v) Mandarin or Cantonese?
- (68) Will the number of Ethnic Community Liaison Officers be increased in 2001/2002? If so, by how many?
- (69) What did the NSW Police Service spend on translation services in 2000/2001?
- (70) (a) What programs have been implemented to increase the recruitment of police officers from NSW ethnic communities?
- (b) How much funding did these programs receive in 2000/2001?
- (c) How much will they get in 2001/2002?

- (71) (a) What programs are in place to identify and address racism in the NSW Police Service?
- (b) How much funding did these programs receive in 2000/2001?
- (c) How much will they get in 2001/2002?

**Answer:**

- (1) (a) Yes. I am advised that the New South Wales Police Service has a 10 Year Maintenance Plan covering the period 1999/2000 to 2008/2009. This Plan has been prepared in accordance with Government's Total Asset Management Guidelines, and ensures that Public Assets controlled by the Police Service are properly maintained. The Plan links to the Capital Works, Disposal and Services Plans of the Police Service.
- (b) I am advised that Minor Works Capital Funding of \$7.203 million has been allocated to the Police Service for the upgrading of police accommodation for the year 2001/2002.
- (c) I am advised that during the 2000/2001 financial year maintenance funds of \$22,000; \$11,000; and \$105,000 were expended on Chatswood, Muswellbrook and Wagga Wagga Police Stations, respectively.
- In addition, capital funding of \$292,000 was spent at Wagga Wagga Police Station upgrading customer service facilities and \$207,000 upgrading custodial facilities.
- (2) (a) and (b) I am advised that funding has been provided in the 2001-02 budgets for an additional 200 police bringing the total number of additional police funded in this term of government to 600. A further 400 will be funded in the next two financial years, to bring the total number of additional police funded to 1000 by the end of 2003. In addition the equivalent of a further 1110 and officers will be freed up for operational duties through the implementation of the PAL, civilianisation and the transfer of prisoner escorts and management to the Department of Corrective Services.
- (3) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances, the need for such expenditure and was within appropriate guidelines.
- (4) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances, the need for such expenditure and was within appropriate guidelines.
- (5) I am advised that expenditure on legal expenses followed appropriate review of the circumstances, the need for such expenditure and was within appropriate guidelines.
- (6) It is Police Service policy that members of the Service are assisted by Counsel when appearing before a Parliamentary Committee.
- (7) (a) and (b) I am advised that directions to move on are issued in accordance with the provisions of the Police and Public Safety Act 1998.
- (8) The Attorney General has responsibility for the Justice System Data Exchange Project.
- (9) I am advised that separate records are not kept on a case by case basis.
- (10) (a) and (b) I am advised that separate records are not kept on a case by case basis.
- (11) I am advised that it is not appropriate to comment on police protection issues as it may compromise that safety of the persons involved.
- (12) (a) and (b) I am advised that details of Commissioner Ryan's travel are included in the Annual Report.

- (13) Via normal police communications channels.
- (14) That is a management issue for the Commissioner to address.
- (15) (a) Early 2002.
- (b) I am advised the answer is nil at this stage.
- (c) I am advised that costs will vary according to the medical practitioner's assessment of the most appropriate procedure for the individual concerned, and whether a hospital admission is required.
- (d) The Police Service will be responsible for meeting the costs.
- (16) I am advised that the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000* requires all forensic procedures to be carried out by appropriately qualified police or other persons.
- There are no plans for acquiring the capability to perform medical procedures allowed for under the *Police Powers (Internally Concealed Drugs) Bill*.
- (17) The implementation plan for the *Police Powers (Internally Concealed Drugs) Act*, which is not due to commence until 2002, has yet to be finalised.
- (18) (a) and (b) I am advised that the cost of drug detection dogs is included in the overall Police Dog Squad budget and is not costed separately.
- (19) (a) I am advised 444.
- (b) I am advised Cannabis and Amphetamine.
- (20) I am advised that this is a normal police operation and not costed separately.
- (21) I am advised that the estimated total is \$13,144,000.00.
- (22) (a) I am advised that it is not possible to provide the number of individuals searched.
- (b) I am advised 2816 – Cannabis, Amphetamines, Heroin, Cocaine.
- (23) (a) I am advised drug detection dogs are passive and non intrusive.
- (b) I am advised no.
- (24) (a) and (b) The Government has established the QSARP (Qualitative Strategic Audit of the Reform Process).
- (25) (a) I am advised that the final amount cannot be properly determined at this stage of the financial year.
- (b) No. I am advised that the Police Integrity Commission are incurring those costs.
- (26) The Greater Hume Region Commander, Assistant Commissioner Small, has developed and circulated the Region's seven point plan of action in relation to police resources in Cabramatta. That plan was developed in consultation with police officers throughout the Region. The plan is currently in the implementation phase.

Some of the measures included in the plan to address the differences in strategy and intelligence analysis between operational and managerial police include but are not limited to the following:-

- Improved communication between staff and management;



- Increased and transparent consultation between the Greater Hume Region Target Action Group (TAG), the Cabramatta Local Area Command staff/management, and specialised staff from Crime Agencies Command has commenced and is ongoing; and,
- Operation City Watch is a strategy designed to improve communication between the local Police at Cabramatta and the Cabramatta community.

In addition, the recently released Government documentation titled “Cabramatta Strategies” and associated new legislation giving police new powers of arrest for drug related activity, will have a significant impact on policing generally within the Cabramatta Local Area Command.

- (27) I am advised that it would be inappropriate if not improper to canvass at this time any claims made in respect of that strategy pending completion of the current Police Integrity Commission Inquiry.
- (28) I am advised that there is anecdotal evidence from the United Kingdom that between 80% and 90% of suspects choose to plead guilty in cases where the prosecution is to present DNA evidence at trial. This high level of guilty pleas is of particular significance in cases involving serious crimes against the person, such as sexual assaults, where the offender is unknown to the victim.

There have been a number of recent high profile cases, such as the Wee Waa sexual assault investigation, that suggest DNA testing may have a similar impact on guilty pleas in New South Wales.

Guilty pleas reduce the length of criminal proceedings and remove any need for victims to give evidence in court or to be cross-examined, thereby reducing victim trauma.

- (29) (a) I am advised that costs incurred by police for forensic testing were in accordance with an agreement with the Western Sydney Area Health Service.
- (b) This will depend on the level of forensic testing undertaken in 2001-2002.
- (30) to (33) I am advised that where, at the time of testing, inmates self-identify as having been convicted of an ACT or Federal offence, their claims are verified and, if found to be substantiated, the testing is suspended or, if a sample had already been obtained, the sample is destroyed in the presence of the inmate.
- (34) (a) This will depend on a range of factors and is still being developed.
- (b) I am advised that a commencement date has not yet been settled.
- (35) (a) I am advised that a total of \$800,000 was spent during 2000/2001 on the upgrading of facilities at Westmead. A total of \$1.159 million was spent during 2000/2001 on the upgrading of facilities at other sites.
- (b) This will depend on the nature and extent of expenditure during 2001-2002.
- (36) (a) I am advised that since the commencement of the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000*, police have, on average, conducted approximately 800 suspect and offender DNA tests each month.
- (b) DNA samples are analysed by the Division of Analytical Laboratories, which falls within the administration for the Minister for Health.
- (c) I am advised that since the commencement of the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000*, there have been no DNA samples analysed outside of NSW.
- (37) (a) and (b) As the Department of Analytical Laboratories is responsible for analysing DNA samples, I suggest the Honourable Member refer this question to the Minister for Health.

- (38) (a) to (e) See answer to Q4.
- (39) to (41) I am advised that the number of category 1 complaints investigated by the Police Integrity Commission is ultimately a matter for the Police Integrity Commission, having regard to the provisions of Part 4 of the *Police Integrity Commission Act 1996*, the circumstances of the complaint, and the needs of the Commission.
- (42) I am advised that it is not possible to make projections of this nature with any degree of accuracy. When commencing investigations into a Category 1 matter, the Commission is confronted with a wide range of variables, including, but not limited to:
- the availability of corroborative evidence;
  - the age of the complaint, the number of officers named in the complaint,
  - the location of the alleged misconduct,
  - the relative seriousness of the alleged misconduct; and
  - whether or not there is a requirement for the use of physical and electronic surveillance.
- (43) The cost of consultants is reflected in the Annual Report.
- (44) I am advised that these costs will depend upon the nature and scope of the report.
- (45) The Police Integrity Commission has contracted the Hay Group to conduct the audit. The process of developing and finalising the Report is a lengthy and involved one. The Commission is therefore unable to advise with precision the date that the Report will be made available.
- (46) The Police Integrity Commission made 3 recommendations following the release by the Minister for Police of the Hay Group's QSARP Year One Report. The Service is implementing these recommendations in consultation with the Police Integrity Commission and the Ministry for Police.
- (47) The Carr Government established the Police Integrity Commission (PIC). On 2 June 1998, the Government introduced the legislation enabling the PIC to contract the audit. The Government fully funded the audit. On 15 February 2001, the Minister for Police welcomed the Year One report of the QSARP, and accepted the Police Integrity Commission's recommendations arising out of the Report.
- The Hay Group commenced working with the Service on Year 2 of the audit shortly after the Year 1 QSARP Report was released. It will commence Year 3 of the audit after the conclusion of Year 2.
- (48) Reform of the NSW Police Service is an ongoing task, it has not stalled. Experts acknowledge that real organisational change takes many years to achieve.
- (49) The reform process is continuing through a program addressing four major areas: Leadership; Cultural Change; Human Resource Management; and Support for the Devolved Structure.
- (50) I am advised nil.
- (51) I am advised nil.
- (52) I am aware of one piece of litigation before the Courts in which damages are not claimed, but the accused has sought orders restraining the testing of samples taken under the *Crimes (Forensic Procedures) Act 2000*.
- (53) I am advised no.
- (54) I am aware of one piece of litigation in which damages are claimed against the Police Service in respect of the use of capsicum spray.
- (55) I am advised no.

- (56) to (58) I am advised that the State Protection Group's Management Information System does not store such information/data in such a way.
- (59) I am advised that the State Protection Group's Management Information System does not store such information/data in such a way to be able to provide an answer.
- (60) No. I am advised that State Protection Group officers respond as a Tactical Team of a fixed number of trained SPG operatives.
- (61) to (64) This matter is subject to a coronial inquiry and it would be improper for me to comment further pending the Coroner's findings in the matter.
- (65) (a) to (d) I refer that Honourable Member to the Police Service Annual Report for 1999-2000.
- (66) to (68) I refer the Honourable Member to the statement made in the Hansard for the General Purpose Standing Committee No.3 held on Monday 25 June 2001.
- (69) I am advised that expenditure was in accordance with Police Service requirements.
- (70) (a) Planning for ethnic recruitment is an ongoing priority for the Police Service. The Service has numerous strategies in place to recruit potential officers from non-English speaking backgrounds. I refer the Honourable Member to the statement made in the Hansard for the General Purpose Standing Committee No.3 held on Monday 25 June 2001.
- (b) I am advised that expenditure was in accordance with Police Service guidelines.
- (c) This will depend upon the extent and nature of marketing required.
- (71) (a) I am advised that there are numerous programs in place within the Service to identify and address racism. Each Command/Business Unit of the Service, including the 80 Local Area Commands, has a number of reporting mechanisms and/or projects in place to address racism either as a stand alone issue or in an integrated manner.

For example, the Ethnic Affairs Team of the Service provides strategic advice and initiates policies and programs to make policing services in NSW more attuned to the needs of culturally and linguistically diverse communities. It has carriage for developing the Ethnic Affairs Priorities Statement (EAPS) Plan for the Service. EAPS Plans are developed by all key Government Agencies in New South Wales and are tabled in Parliament by the Community Relations Commission for a multicultural NSW.

Recent initiatives of the Service include but are not limited to the following:-

- The expansion of the Ethnic Community Liaison Officer Program;
  - The introduction and expansion of the Police and Community Training (PACT) Program;
  - Review of the policy on the descriptions of persons issued by police to the media;
  - The Police Service taking a leading role in national discussions on recruitment into policing of persons from culturally diverse communities; and,
  - The prejudice-motivated crime data collection project.
- (b) I am advised that the Police Service's financial management system does not capture this information.
- (c) I am advised that the Police Service's financial management system does not capture this information.