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10 Police and Emergency Services Foskey

Emergency Services Agency

DR FOSKEY: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

In relation to the Emergency Services Agency:

1. Is the Minister aware of the continuing concerns of Emergency Services staff with regard to both communications hardware and protocols used in the Australian Capital Territory?
2. Is the Minister sympathetic to the view that this is a line of sight system?
3. Is the Minister considering the addition of satellite or High Frequency radio capacity to fire and emergency vehicles?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. I am not aware of any concerns regarding the communications hardware and protocols used in the ACT.
2. Yes, I support the view that all the radio systems used by the Emergency Services Agency propagate predominantly via line of sight, however, it should be noted that all frequencies used by the Emergency Services Agency do refract and reflect to some degree.
3. The Emergency Services Agency is constantly reviewing the ICT infrastructure it uses. Satellite and other high frequency radio communication technologies will at times be considered as part of this ongoing review.

118 Police and Emergency Services Stefaniak

Budget 2007-08 paper 3 page 106

Bill Stefaniak, MLA : To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper3, page 106 –

1. When will the Government make a decision about replacing the Belconnen Police Station?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

\$1.2 million has been provided in the 2007-08 Budget to provide for a forward design to allow government to make an assessment as to the potential costs of the construction in future budget processes.

Neighbourhood watch

Bill Stefaniak MLA : To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper 4., page 231 –

1. What support does the Australian Federal Police currently provide to Neighborhood Watch?
2. How much funding does it provide to Neighborhood Watch?
3. How many Neighborhood Watch groups are currently active in the ACT?
4. How many members are currently active in Neighborhood Watch in the ACT?
5. How regularly do AFP officers attend Neighborhood Watch meetings?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

1. ACT Policing provides financial support for specified Neighbourhood Watch projects and participates in joint crime prevention and community safety initiatives such as the Community Safety Field Day held at Stromlo High School on 20 May 2007. ACT Policing also provides statistics and other information for incorporation in Neighbourhood Watch newsletters. ACT Policing Crime Prevention members attend Neighbourhood Watch Inc Board of Management meetings and Annual General Meetings;
2. In 2006-2007, ACT Policing provided \$3,500 in direct funding to Neighbourhood Watch Inc for Crime Prevention Initiatives;
3. Neighbourhood Watch Inc has advised that there are currently more than 60 active Neighbourhood Watch groups in the ACT;
4. Neighbourhood Watch Inc has advised that there are currently approximately 3000 registered members in the ACT;
5. ACT Policing members attend Neighbourhood Watch meetings on request.

169 Police and Emergency Services Bruke

QTON - Ambulance Services

Mrs Burke - Asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

In terms of the vehicles, if I could just probably jump to that. How many of the ambulances will reach the end of their life and type this year and next year and, you know, 2009? So '07, '08, '09.

Mr Corbell - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The ACT Ambulance Service is scheduled to replace 7 Intensive Care vehicles, a specialist 4WD vehicle and one Patient Transport vehicle between 2007 – 2010.

170 Police and Emergency Services Foskey

QTON - No of out-of-hospital births attended by ambulance paramedics

Dr Foskey - Asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007 the following in relation to the number of out-of-hospital births attended by ambulance paramedics:

How many instances have there been where that's been necessary?

Mr Corbell - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

For the period 1 July 2006 to 18 June 2007, ACT Ambulance Service records indicate that ambulance paramedics have attended 185 pregnancy related incidents, of which 12 were out-of-hospital births."

171 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

QTON - Cost of relocation of Curtin

Mr Pratt - Asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

How much money's been spent so far since the relocation from Curtin commenced with the first agencies? How much leasing's been spent on that zone of buildings at Fairbairn?

Mr Corbell - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Estimated relocation costs (including fit out of ASOC) to date are \$1.191m. The estimated rent at the Fairbairn Precinct since February 2006 to 30 June 2007 is \$2,138m.

172 Police and Emergency Services Burke

QTON - Workcover integration funding

Mrs Burke - Asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

Rollover of WorkCover integration funding \$0.108 million and I think there was - I think that's about it. I'd just be interested to learn more about this rolling over of this funding, thank you.

Mr Corbell - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The Rollover of Workcover integration of \$0.108 million is for the upgrading and integration of Workcover databases (including the Accident Information Management System), which will commence in July or August 2007.

173 Police and Emergency Services Burke

QTON - Warrants backlog

MRS BURKE asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

- (1) What's the current backlog of warrants?
- (2) What are the staffing levels of people dealing with the warrants?

Mr Corbell - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) As at 1 June 2007, the number of outstanding warrants in the ACT was 3402. A major, ongoing audit of the warrant register has seen the number of active warrants drop by 83% since 30 June 2000.
- (2) Warrants may be executed by any police officer. There is one staff member dedicated to managing warrants at present. This is a Senior Constable, whose primary role is to manage and audit the warrants register.

QTON - AFT agreement

MR STEFANIAK asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

Is the AFP actually meeting all aspects of the agreement with the ACT Government, and if not, what areas aren't being met and what's being done to rectify that?

MR CORBELL - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

Results published in the March 07 quarterly progress report against the Purchase Agreement show that ACT Policing has achieved or exceeded targets for 27 measures, but failed to achieve targets for nine measures. The nine measures that have not been achieved, and an explanation of what is being done to rectify this, are:

Measure 8. – Percentage of persons who are concerned about being the victim of housebreaking

The continuing community concern about housebreaking is an area being addressed by the Suburban Policing Strategy. Since the commencement of the Suburban Policing Strategy in November 2006, ACT Policing has conducted 7801 proactive patrols in support of the strategy (as at 31 March 07). These patrols include crime targeting, beat patrol, community relations and traffic targeting activities which involve all ACT Policing operational portfolios. There has been significant positive feedback provided by community members commenting specifically on the heightened visibility of Police.

Analysis of the number of burglaries reported since the inception of the Suburban Policing Strategy indicates a drop of 15.9%, when compared with the same period in the previous year. The increased visibility of Police, coupled with the incarceration of recidivist offenders has ensured that burglary continues to display a significant downward trend.

Measure 9. – Percentage of persons who are concerned about being the victim of motor vehicle theft

While there is continuing community concern about motor vehicle theft, there has been a decline in reported motor vehicle thefts for the last two quarters. The Territory Investigations Group implemented a Stolen Motor Vehicle Strategy in the December quarter 2006, which has had an immediate and significant impact on the number of motor vehicle theft offences. Under this strategy, many recidivist offenders are being remanded in custody.

Measure 12. – Response times for Priority One:

- *Within 8 minutes*
- *Within 12 minutes*

Measure 13. – Response times for Priority Two:

- *Within 20 minutes*
- *Within 30 minutes*

Measure 14. – Response times for Priority Three:

- *Within 2 hours*
- *Within 3 hours*

Consistent with previous quarters, ACT Policing is achieving its first tier targets for all categories of response priorities but experiencing difficulty in achieving second tier targets.

Failure to achieve second tier targets is principally due to all patrol resources being fully committed at the time dispatches are requested. Once the additional staff budgeted for over 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 are fully operational, the increase in patrol strength is expected to improve second tier response times.

ACT Policing Communications has implemented the use of an alert tone to ensure that all patrols listen to an ensuing call for response and attend, where possible. In particular, this has had a positive impact on Priority One response times.

Measure 17. – Percentage of persons satisfied or very satisfied with police services

Customer Service training, which reinforces police responsibilities in servicing the community, is currently being delivered. The delivery of this full program is expected to be completed by the end of the 2006-07 financial year.

Improvements in patrol strength may also impact on the achievement of this measure in the future.

Statistics for the March 2007 quarter indicate that there were 5498 Suburban Policing Strategy tasks undertaken. Under the Suburban Policing Strategy, police proactively patrol all suburbs. This wider dispersal of police patrols should, over time, have a positive impact on the level of community satisfaction with policing services.

Measure 25. – Percentage of persons who self-report to driving 10km or more over the speed limit

The results for this Measure contrast with those of Measure 24, the number of road crashes resulting in injury per 100,000 population, which continues to track at over 25% better than target. Measure 24 is considered a positive indicator of the success of the high visibility strategies currently in place, as it indicates a reduction in vehicle travel speeds, with a flow-on reduction in the incidence and severity of injuries. These strategies will continue for the remainder of the year, supplemented with specific campaigns to target problem areas.

Measure 27. – Percentage of persons who self-report to driving while suspecting they are over the 0.05 alcohol limit

The result for the March 2007 quarter was only 0.5 percentage points outside of target and is not considered significant, given the subjective nature of the measure. While the additional number of breath tests being conducted this financial year should assist

in providing a level of deterrence, drink driving is an ongoing and difficult issue to address.

The high visibility strategies currently in place will continue to target this issue for the remainder of the year.

Measure 32. – Percentage of persons satisfied or very satisfied with police support for community programs

ACT Policing continues to dedicate resources in support of community based programs.

Thirty five community relations events were attended by Crime Prevention during the March 2007 quarter. Some examples include the Royal Canberra Show, the Abu Bakr Mosque Open Day, Orientation Days of the Australian National University and Canberra Institute of Technology, and the Multicultural Festival Food and Dance Spectacular 2007.

On 9 March 2007, The 'Home Safety Program' was launched, designed to provide home security and crime prevention advice to residential burglary victims. This program is a partnership between Department of Justice and Community Safety, ACT Policing, Emergency Services Agency, SupportLink and the Council on the Ageing. Under the *Home Safety Program* ACT Policing members can arrange a follow-up service for a burglary victim via a simple, on-line SupportLink referral.

The Indigenous Community Liaison Officer (ICLO) in conjunction with the Police Citizens Youth Club (PCYC) runs a 10 week team building & leadership program (the Refuel Program) for Indigenous teenage girls. The ICLO also mentors Indigenous primary school age children through the 'On Track' program run out of Narrabundah Primary School.

The Suburban Policing Strategy specifically identifies Neighbourhood Watch (NHW) and Safety House (SH) as key community partners. ACT Policing continues to work with NHW and SH to identify strategies and opportunities to enhance this partnership. Crime prevention messages are published through NHW newsletters on a regular basis and ACT Policing members regularly engage with NHW and SH members at committee meetings.

QTON - Police assault

MR STEFANIAK asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

- (1) How many police officers have been assaulted during this current financial year?
- (2) How much time off work have any resultant injuries required?
- (3) Have there been any particularly serious injuries which have affected an officer's ability to come back to work?
- (4) What are the specific provisions that may exist in Commonwealth legislation?

MR CORBELL - The answers to the Member's questions are as follows:

- (1) 56 police officers have reported injuries sustained whilst apprehending and/or in the process of detaining a person of interest this financial year to date.
- (2) Of these 56 officers, 6 required time off work totaling 66 days to date. Three of these officers remain on modified duties, Officers A, B & C. Officer A was injured in March 2007, and required 32 days off work, Officer B was injured in January 2007 and required 9 days off work, and Officer C has required 16 days off work to date.
- (3) None of these injuries are considered a 'serious injury', although the three officers outlined above are on modified duties.
- (4) There are two main pieces of legislation used by ACT Policing in relation to offences against police officers during the course of their duty:
 - (a) Causing Harm to a Commonwealth Public Official, S147(1) *Criminal Code Act 1995*; and
 - (b) Obstruction of Commonwealth Public Officials, S149(1) *Criminal Code Act 1995*.

A Commonwealth Public Official includes 'a member or special member of the Australian Federal Police'. There are no specific provisions for dealing with assaults against police under ACT Legislation.

176 Police and Emergency Services Burke

QTON - Violence in schools report to police

MRS BURKE asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

- (1) How many acts of violence in schools have been reported to police in the last year?
- (2) Have police responded to all of these incidents?
- (3) How many charges have been laid for incidents of violence in schools?
- (4) Are there any outstanding investigations into major assaults in any schools at this time?

MR CORBELL - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) A total of 117 incidents of violence in schools were reported to police for the period 24 June 2006 – 25 June 2007. These included 99 assaults, 12 sexual assaults, three robberies, and three other offences against the person.
- (2) Of these, 105 incidents were attended by police patrols. The remaining 12 incidents were reported some time after the offence had occurred, either over the telephone or in person at a police station, and therefore were not attended by police. However, investigations were conducted upon receipt of the complaints.
- (3) A total of 43 charges have been laid in relation to incidents of violence in schools, including 36 assault charges and five charges of offences against good order. The remaining two charges were robbery (1) and property damage (1).
- (4) At present, there are 5 active investigations being conducted into serious assaults.

177 Police and Emergency Services Stefaniak

QTON - No of cars impounded by police

MR STEFANIAK asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

- (1) In relation to how many cars have been impounded by police, how many involved repeat offenders?
- (2) Were any cars actually sold as a result of that, or confiscated?

MR CORBELL - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Since the commencement of Operation Globin II in February this year, a total of 38 vehicles have been seized, 35 of these since 1 May 2007. Additionally, two more vehicles are being seized in the week commencing 25 June 2007. No recidivist burnout offenders have been prosecuted in this operation to date.
- (2) No vehicles have been permanently forfeited or sold to date.

QTON - AFP collective agreement

MR GENTLEMAN asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

What was the amount of the pay rise under the AFP collective agreement (CA)?

MR CORBELL - The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

A 2.9% base salary pay rise was paid effective from the date the CA was lodged with the Office of the Employment Advocate.

A single agreement productivity bonus of 1.15% including composite was also paid as a one off payment upon lodgment.

A further 4% base salary rise will be paid effective 1 July 2007, and every 12 months from this date for the life of the agreement (2007-2011).

Traffic management

Mr Seselja : To ask the Minister for Territory and Municipal Services - In relation to Traffic management in Launceston St Lyons:

- 1) How many scheduled police patrols of Launceston St Lyons from 1 March 2006 and 30 June 2006?
- 2) How many scheduled police patrols of Launceston St Lyons from 1 March 2007 and 30 June 2007?
- 3) How many vehicles were intercepted by police road patrols in Launceston St Lyons from 1 March 2006 and 30 June 2006?
- 4) How many vehicles were intercepted by police road patrols in Launceston St Lyons from 1 March 2007 and 30 June 2007-07-0?
- 5) What road rules apply to the centre lane of Launceston St, with particular reference to:
 - (1) Right of use of the middle lane?
 - (2) Speed Limit applying to the middle lane?
 - (3) Use of the middle lane as a through traffic lane?
- 6) How many drivers have been intercepted by police patrols for breaking road rules applying to use of the middle lane in Launceston St since it was installed?
- 7) How many traffic infringement notices have been served for breaking road rules applying to use of the middle lane in Launceston St since it was installed?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) From March to June 2006, ACT Policing undertook five proactive patrols in the suburb of Lyons, including two specifically in Launceston Street.
- 2) From March to June 2007, ACT Policing undertook 42 proactive patrols in the suburb of Lyons, including eight specifically in Launceston Street, in line with the Suburban Policing Strategy launched in November 2006.
- 3) Police issued three Traffic Infringement Notices on Launceston Street, Lyons, between March and June 2006.
- 4) Police issued three cautions and apprehended two persons for drink-driving offences on Launceston Street, Lyons between March and June 2007.

- 5)
- (1) Under *Australian Road Rules* (ARR) 137 A driver may drive on a dividing strip that is at the same level as the road, and marked at each side by a continuous line: (a) to enter or leave the road; or (b) to enter or leave an area on the dividing strip to which a parking control sign applies if the driver is permitted to park in the area. In ARR 137, “dividing strip” does not include a painted island;
 - (2) The speed limit on Launceston Street, Lyons is 50 km/h. This applies to all road areas;
 - (3) See (1) above.
- 6) No persons have been apprehended or issued Traffic Infringement Notices for offences relating to the dividing strip on Launceston Street, Lyons.
- 7) See 6) above.

330 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

Emergency services personnel

Mr Pratt: To ask the Minister for Police and Emergency Services – In relation Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 250 to 253 – regarding Emergency Services personnel:

- (1) You now have a Commissioner with a rural fires background, I understand a new Deputy Commissioner is joining soon with the same background and the other Deputy Commissioner with an ambulance background. Amongst the senior leadership within the ESA where is the experience and capability to address urban emergencies, both fire and terrorist incidents?
- (2) In relation to urban high density, Federal government, embassy and iconic terrorist threat targets how often since 1 September 2006 have police, ambulance, fire brigade and SES personnel exercised to respond suspected terrorist incidents? Please detail:
 - a) By each service
 - b) As combined service teams
- (3) With respect to question (2) how many personnel are trained and equipped to respond to such incidents when chemical, biological and radiation threats exist? Please detail by:
 - a) Fire Brigade
 - b) Ambulance
 - c) Police
 - d) SES

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) The Commissioner and both Deputy Commissioners have a broad range of relevant experience other than bushfires and ambulance. ACT Policing and each of the services provide extensive experience and technical expertise to address urban emergency management.
- (2) Since 1 September 2006 there have been five joint training exercises involving ACT Fire Brigade and Australian Federal Police and one joint training exercises involving ACT Fire Brigade, Australian Federal Police and ACT Ambulance Service.
- (3) As the lead response agency for chemical, biological and radiological incidents, all 316 ACT Fire Brigade staff have been trained to respond to chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The ACT Ambulance Service has 16 officers trained to assist in chemical, biological and radiological incidents. The ACT State Emergency Service has no members trained to respond to chemical, biological and radiological incidents.

331 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

ESA personal protective equipment and clothing

Mr Pratt: To ask the Minister for Emergency Services - In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 250 with respect to ESA personal protective equipment [PPE] and clothing:

- (1) Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 250 ESA personal protective equipment and clothing has a one off budgeted amount for 2007/08 of \$50,000.
 - a) How many personnel will this amount cover?
 - b) Does this cover RFS and SES volunteers also.
 - c) What about future years and wear and tear over these years?
 - d) Does any of this expenditure cover chemical, biological and radiation [CBR or CBRN terminology] protective clothing and equipment and detection equipment for personnel and teams who may be required to respond to an urban threat? Please detail for each service as follows:
 - for ambulance
 - fire brigade,
 - SES
 - Police
 - and other emergency services or JACS personnel

- (2) If this expenditure does not cover for the requirements listed in question (1) can you please advise what PPE and clothing for each of the services has been issued to date by type and quantity per set per person as follows:
 - for ambulance,
 - fire brigade,
 - SES
 - Police

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) Six additional fully encapsulated hazardous material and chemical protective suits will be purchased for use by all members of the ACT Fire Brigade. Suits are not personally issued.
 - (b) No. The ESA's ACT Fire Brigade is the response agency for Hazardous Material incidents in the ACT. No SES or RFS volunteers are trained as primary response.
 - (c) Encapsulated hazardous material and chemical protective suits have an expected life of 10 years, under normal wear and tear conditions.
 - (d) Yes. As stated in Budget Paper no. 3, page 70, "This initiative provides for the replacement of specialist protective clothing and equipment necessary for Emergency Services Agency operational personnel". As the ACT Fire Brigade are the lead agency for Hazardous Material incidents in the ACT, they are the only service receiving these

encapsulated hazardous material and chemical protective suits as part of this initiative.

- (2) The ACT Fire Brigade is the designated response agency. Other agencies and personnel only respond if it is safe to do so, hence do not require specialist personal protective clothing.

332 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

RAFT bushfire teams

Mr Pratt : To ask the Minister for Emergency Services - In relation to Budget 2007-2008 Paper 4, page 251 – regarding RAFT bushfire teams:

- (1) How many bushfire response RAFT teams will be trained this year, in 2008 and 2009?
- (2) How much funding is allocated to air insertion/deployment exercises for RAFT teams training and what will be the cost of deploying aircraft:
 - a) Per hour
 - b) Per day
 - c) Per exercise

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Each financial year three teams along with new reserves will undertake training to maintain their currency and competency in accordance with national training standards.
- (2) The additional budget allocation is \$394,000 over four years.
 - a) Up to \$2,000 per hour/per aircraft.
 - b) Generally 4 hours per day, which totals approximately \$8,000 per day.
 - c) Generally 2 days per exercise, which totals approximately \$16,000 per exercise.

333 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

Relocation of Fire stations necessary

Mr Pratt: To ask the Minister for Justice and Community Services - In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 250 in relation to ESA Stations relocation feasibility study which has a one off budgeted amount of \$300,000:

- (1) Why is relocation of Fire Stations necessary?
- (2) Who has determined that there may be a need for relocation of fire stations?
- (3) Has this study been tendered for? If so, when and if not, why not?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) As stated on page 106 of Budget Paper 3, this initiative provides for a feasibility study into the potential benefits of remodelling and rationalising Emergency Services Agency facilities, to maintain optimum response times in line with the geographic and demographic changes in the ACT.
- (2) No one – this is a feasibility study to maintain optimum response times in line with the geographic and demographic changes in the ACT.
- (3) The study will follow ACT Government Procurement Guidelines and be tendered in the near future.

334 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

Urban emergency management

Mr Pratt : To ask the Minister for Emergency Services - In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper4, page250 to 252 – regarding Urban emergency management:

- (1) What additional funding is allocated for improving our urban emergency management response and recover capabilities?
- (2) How do you measure our capabilities for terrorist threat management as follows:
 - a) Industrial accident/bomb damage – is there funding for ongoing training and equipment for building collapse recovery?
 - b) Ambulance casualty mass evacuation?
 - c) SOP's for multi-agency operations – incident control?
 - d) “Resilience Plan” – target hardening, information, education exercises.
- (3) How many organisations, public and private have “signed up” with the ESA for “Resilience Planning”?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member’s question is as follows:

- (1) \$15.768 million over four years.
- (2)
 - a) The Emergency Services Agency provides an urban search and rescue (USAR) capability and works within the national USAR framework.
 - b) The Emergency Services Agency provides for exercises and plans for these events are in place.
 - c) The Emergency Services Agency operations under the Australasian Inter-Service Incident Management System (AIIMS) and National Counter Terrorism Incident Control framework.
 - d) The Emergency Services Agency provides for hazards risk planning, public information and public education programs consistent with national benchmarks.
- (3) The Emergency Services Agency does not have a “resilience plan” per se; however, the programs in 2(d) identify target areas for stakeholder education and site improvement.

Ambulance operations

Mr Pratt: To ask the Minister for Emergency Services - In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 249 – 250 in relation to ambulance operations:

- (1) Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 249. In 06/07 the Target for estimated percentage of non emergency ambulance service bookings requiring a patient Transport Service resource, responded to within 20 minutes of booked time – was 90%. The estimated outcome is 15% percent less than this target at 75%.
 - a) Why the shortfall?
 - b) What was the longest period of time a patient had to wait for this resource and why?

- (2) Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 250. Changes to Appropriation – Additional Ambulance Operational Response capability has dramatically increased from \$639,000 budgeted in 06/07 to \$1,141 million estimated in 08/09.
 - a) What increase in ambulance vehicles and personnel does this cover?
 - b) How many Single Response Vehicles are there in operation currently?
 - c) Will you now be able to cover 7 [2 x officers] crews per shift 24 hour 7 days and if not why not?
 - d) If so, have you had to adjust the duration of shifts to achieve this?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1)
 - (a) I refer Mr Pratt to the proof transcript for the 20 June 2007 sitting of the Select Committee on Estimates 2007-08, page 61 where I answered this question put to me by Mrs Burke. For your benefit Mr Pratt, I am happy to repeat my response, and that is that the Patient Transport Service did not meet the performance target due to an increased demand for ambulance services. The government has provided additional resources for the ACT Ambulance Service in the 2007-08 budget and the performance target remains unchanged for 2007-08.

 - (b) 1 hour and 54 minutes. All calls for non-emergency ambulance assistance are triaged and an ambulance resource is allocated when available.

- (2)
 - (a) Four additional ambulance vehicles (two intensive care ambulances, one patient transport vehicle and one specialist bariatric ambulance for morbidly obese patients) and 16 additional staff.

 - (b) The ACT Ambulance does not currently routinely roster Single Response Vehicles. Single Response Vehicles are used on an as-required basis to ensure the maximum responsiveness of the ambulance service when there is an odd-number of staff on-shift, on some occasions when the Snowy Hydro SouthCare helicopter is deployed and for special events or surges in operational activity.

- (c) The ACT Ambulance Service currently projects rosters for a minimum of seven intensive care paramedic crews (14 officers).
- (d) No.

336 Police and Emergency Services Pratt

Chemical Biological and Radiological training

Mr Pratt : To ask the Minister for Justice and Community Services - In relation to Budget 2007-08 Paper 4, page 238 – regarding the Chemical Biological and Radiological (CBR) training of our Emergency Services personnel:

1. How many Ambulance Officers have undertaken CBR training in the 2006/07 financial year;
2. How many Fire Brigade officers have undertaken CBR training in the 2006/07 financial year;
3. How many Police Officers have undertaken CBR training in the 2006/07 financial year;
4. Have Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Police agencies undertaken any combined training in the 2006/07 financial year;
 - a) If so, how often has this training occurred?
5. How much funding has been allocated to CBR training for all Emergency Service agencies for the 2007/08 financial year?

Mr Corbell: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- (1) Nil.
- (2) Fourteen ACT Fire Brigade staff have undertaken basic CBR training and 47 ACT Fire Brigade staff have undertaken higher CBR training during the 2006/2007 financial year.
- (3) 35.
- (4) Yes. Five joint training exercises involving ACTFB and AFP and two joint training exercises involving ACTFB, AFP and ACTAS.
- (5) The ACT Fire Brigade has identified \$18,000 for CBR related training during the 2007/08, this figure is exclusive of staffing costs. In addition \$90,000 has been allocated for joint drill style exercises involving the ACTFB, ACT Policing, ACTAS, ACT Health and other agencies during the 1st quarter 2007/2008, ahead of a major consequence management exercise scheduled for November 2007 involving all emergency services and a number of other agencies.

365 Police and Emergency Services Stefaniak

QTON - ACT Property Crime reduction strategy

Mr Stefaniak – Asked the Minister for Police and Emergency Services on 20 June 2007:

If you go to last year's budget paper, Budget Paper 4 at 234 if you've got it. The figure was 1,397 in relation to motor vehicle theft. So the reduction target for the '06 year seems to have jumped 597 or 42.7 per cent. So why has the number of motor vehicle thefts increased in relation to that particular target?

Mr Corbell – The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

The number of offences presented in the 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 Budget Paper 4 for the ACT Property Crime Reduction Strategy were incorrectly transposed.

The indicators were amended to accurately reflect the performance indicators for the ACT Property Crime Reduction Strategy 2004-2007 and are correctly represented in the 2005-06 JACS Annual Report. The figures were recalculated on a linear basis based on the baseline figure for the year 2003.