



**STRATEGIC POLICING AND CRIME BOARD
1 November 2016**

**Questions from the Board on matters not on
the agenda**

1. Given that November is Islamophobia Awareness Month, can the Chief Constable please confirm:
 - a. What is the current rate of recorded crime in which the perpetrator's behaviour is motivated by the belief that the victim is of the Islamic faith?
 - b. To what extent is the Chief Constable satisfied that Muslim victims of hate crime are reporting offences?
 - c. To what extent is the Chief Constable satisfied that West Midlands Police is effectively preventing and responding to hate crimes against Muslims?

[To be asked by APCC Judy Foster]

2. Can the Chief Constable give an update on the current recruitment of new police officers and his efforts to ensure that as broad a range of applications as possible are received?

[To be asked by APCC Judy Foster]

3. To what extent do recently published ONS knife crime statistics suggest an upward trend in knife crime in the West Midlands and,
 - a. What causes does the Chief Constable regard as laying behind the increase?
 - b. What action does the Chief Constable propose in response?

[To be asked by PCC David Jamieson]