



Shining light on crime

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BRIGHTER light globes and additional security officers are among the changes to improve safety at Burswood train station, after ongoing concerns of assaults and anti-social behaviour.

Public Transport Authority media manager Debra Bishop said a new security office had been built to bolster the presence of transit officers at the station.

Officers patrolled the station throughout the day and until the last train. There were also six cameras at the station, which were monitored around the clock, and an emergency help phone.

"Given the State Govern-

ment recently announced the new sports stadium would be located at Burswood, the precinct will be progressively and extensively upgraded as development of the stadium proceeds," Ms Bishop said.

However despite the measures, including brighter light globes to improve lighting in pedestrian areas, anti-social behaviour and assaults were still being reported.

Swan MHR Steve Irons, who pledged to improve safety at the station during last year's Federal election campaign, said the Thornlie/Armadale line recorded the highest number of assaults

in Perth.

"I began campaigning for safety improvements at Burswood station and other stations on the Thornlie/Armadale line after a 16-year-old was assaulted by three youths when leaving Burswood station on June 21, 2009," he said. "Since (then), I have met commuters at all train stations on the line, spent a morning at the CCTV monitoring station in Perth, held meetings with the police and distributed railway crime surveys to gauge the public sentiment."

The Town of Victoria Park said it had received grant money for additional lighting and CCTV cameras.