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877. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the confirmation by the Commissioner of Police, Col Blanch, that a victim of a family domestic violence attacker released from Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre is so concerned for her safety that she sought a violence restraining order. Can the minister provide an assurance to that woman and the community that the offender will be tracked through a GPS monitor?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order please, members. The question is certainly bordering on being out of order; however, given the time, I suggest the police minister make a very brief response, and there will be no supplementary, also given the time.

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

Thank you, Speaker. There are a couple of things: I did not hear what the commissioner said about the matter the member for Vasse refers to; however, it is an operational matter in the first instance. What is happening with that person or the concerns around the person the member refers to would be better put to the police commissioner. Tracking devices are entirely the province of the courts, not the Minister for Police. The member can imagine if I were to order a tracking device to be placed on her ankle at my own whim, that would not be a good thing. It is not something I control.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.