

VIOLENT OFFENDERS — BAIL AND SUPERVISION ORDER RELEASE — PREMIER'S COMMENTS

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

I have a supplementary question. Given we are talking about a serious violent offender, should the Premier and Attorney General have received a brief from the Western Australia Police Force or the minister's office and not relied on incorrect media reports?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

This matter is still before the courts. I understand the member might want to attack the Western Australian police. I do not know why the Liberal Party appears to be determined to do that at every opportunity. I can say that as the matter is before the courts, I do not think it is appropriate that we discuss it further. With respect to what actually took place, of course, over time I will receive a briefing from the police and it will become clearer. But it was confusing at that time, to the extent that the journalist sitting at the back of the court thought the police had opposed bail.