

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS — GPS MONITORING

909. Ms L. METTAM to the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's decision to strengthen family and domestic violence GPS monitoring requirements after the evaluation of the two-year tracking trial revealed that an average of 10 FDV offenders have GPS monitoring imposed on them each month.

- (1) With the number of family-related offences now 40 per cent above the five-year average, is this not a reflection that he has failed to tackle the scourge of family and domestic violence in WA?
- (2) Has the final report of the trial been completed; and, if so, when will he table this document?

Mr J.R. QUIGLEY replied:

- (1)–(2) Yes, there has been an escalation of FDV numbers throughout Australia. I think there are two factors occurring here. One is that there has been an uptick in aggression in our community generally and there has certainly been an uptick in reporting since we have introduced new procedures—this was introduced by the Labor government—requiring all police to file an offence report for every attendance on an FDV complaint. As the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence has already answered in Parliament today, the government has put \$300 million into this campaign. We have also set aside money to educate the community on coercive control.

The member is talking about the bracelets and monitoring. They have been around for a while, but it was a Labor government that picked them up to use in this space. With the new laws that will mandate their affixation to people who have committed a family violence offence in breach of a restraining order and with those who have it affixed mandatorily, we estimate that up to 700 people per annum will be wearing these bracelets. We reject completely the member's nonsense proposition that the Labor government has not turned its attention to stemming family and domestic violence. We were the first government to appoint a minister in that regard.