

FAMILY AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE OFFENDERS — GPS TRACKING

628. Ms L. METTAM to the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence:

I refer to the Western Australian Labor government's repeated stonewalling and inability to answer the simplest questions about the \$15.5 million GPS tracking trial—a program announced by the former Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence and designed to address family and domestic violence in some capacity in this state.

(1) Since I first asked this question —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Member, one of the reasons you got the interjections is that yesterday I suggested to you that you could not have preambles that are so long. When we have such a long preamble, it is a big temptation for people to interject. I appreciate that you have now got to part (1), so if we can continue from that point, I will then call the minister to respond.

Ms L. METTAM: To continue —

(1) Since I first asked this question of the minister, has she sought a briefing on the outcomes; and, if not, why not?

(2) How many offenders were tracked during this trial, and was the program successful in adding additional protection to potential victims of family and domestic violence?

Point of Order

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN: As the house is aware, questions need to relate to the particular minister's portfolio areas. As part of this question relates to ankle bracelets and other things that fall under the jurisdiction of the Attorney General, I ask whether that question is appropriate.

The SPEAKER: It is a requirement to ask a question of the minister who is responsible for the area. I understand what the member for Vasse is saying—that there was an announcement by the former Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence, and, on that basis, she is addressing the question to this minister. It is a pretty fine line; I think the question would probably more appropriately be directed to the Attorney General, as the Leader of the House has suggested, but I will give the Minister for Prevention of Family and Domestic Violence the opportunity to give us a brief response.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Ms S.E. WINTON replied:

Thank you, Madam Speaker, and I concur.

(1)–(2) The trial pilot is being run by the Department of Justice, so I ask the member to refer questions to the appropriate minister.

The SPEAKER: That concludes question time.

Ms L. Mettam: No supplementary?

The SPEAKER: You cannot ask a supplementary to the wrong minister.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, as I have advised, that concludes question time.

Ms L. Mettam: It is just unbelievable!

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! I am really waiting for someone to appropriately seek the call.