

POLICE — ILLICIT DRUG STRATEGY

202. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister have any clue what the government's strategy is, given that the report card for WA is so bad?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I would need a considerable amount of time in this place to go through and list every aspect of the strategies that Western Australia Police employ to —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Pick two or three!

The SPEAKER: Order, member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — target the range of issues to do with drug trafficking in the state. If the member would like to place that question on notice, I would be happy to detail that. All members can access the police annual report on its website. The police annual report details these —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Give the pay cheque back—you don't do any work!

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time. This is degenerating. The reason I stopped the previous question was that members were not giving the Minister for Health the courtesy of answering and we were just wasting time. If members are going to shout across the chamber when they ask a question, I will move on to the next question. It is as simple as that. Have you finished, minister?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Just to finish off my answer —

Mr P.B. Watson: You haven't started yet!

The SPEAKER: Member for Albany, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To finish off my answer, the police have a range of strategies across a range of different specialist portfolio areas to do with the trafficking of illicit drugs and targeting users of illicit drugs and, indeed, to a degree, the misuse of prescription drugs in our community. I refer the member to the police annual report, which details the range of strategies police have to combat these things across the breadth of policing. To ask a question without notice that requires such a detailed answer does not, I believe, give due regard to the efforts of police in our state to combat drug trafficking and illicit drugs.