

POLICE — VOLUNTARY REDUNDANCY SCHEME

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

I have a supplementary question. Have additional sergeants over and above those who expressed interest by the cut-off date been individually targeted and asked to apply to leave the police service before a cut-off date of 30 June this year; and, if so, how many?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

As with any redundancy offer within police, the expression of interest has gone out right throughout the commissioned ranks and the officers —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I will update the house about the success of the offer when it is finalised and when officers who have expressed interest in taking up the voluntary redundancy have been finalised. Had the member for Midland listened to the first part of my answer, I did say that we have extended the offer to senior sergeants and people at that level.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: I asked whether individual commissioned officers who did not apply have now been targeted for the so-called voluntary redundancy; and if so, how many have been targeted who did not apply?

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: In this space, we are interested in releasing 30 commissioned officer positions through a voluntary redundancy arrangement.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members! Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I met with the directors of the WA Police Union just this morning and they are really happy with this offer and very excited at the prospect of more of their officers receiving a voluntary redundancy funded from within police resources.