

MICHAEL BURVILL

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

I refer to the sentence given to drunk driver Michael Burvill, who killed Mr Martin Roberts and severely injured two others. Has the minister made any request to the Director of Public Prosecutions to appeal the sentence; and, if not, why not?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

First of all, I put on the record my condolences to the family of the victim of this crash. He was a local constituent and a key person in the Innaloo Sportsmen's Club, in my electorate. Mr Roberts was one of those people who actually collected people and took them home when they had had too much to drink so that they would not be a risk to other people on the road. He is a big loss to my community.

As the member for Midland well knows, it is not my responsibility or my province to direct the DPP, or make a request of the DPP, to appeal that sentence, but my understanding is that police prosecution are working with their counterparts to see whether there is an avenue for appeal.