

LAW AND ORDER — SENIORS' SECURITY

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

I have a supplementary question. After four years in government, is it not an astonishing admission of incompetence that elderly people are so frightened in their homes and that assaults have gone up by 48 per cent?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I would need to check the member for Midland's data with respect to that specific information about assaults.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Thank you, members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I am pleased to inform the house that on this government's watch overall recorded crime is down, and has been down, somewhere in the region of between nine and 12 per cent for each quarter.