

POLICE — FRONTLINE 2020 — OPERATION RENEW

269. Mrs G.J. GODFREY to the Minister for Police:

Can the Minister for Police please update the house on any recent results from the local policing teams in my electorate of Belmont?

Mr P. Papalia interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I think you are about 30 seconds behind. We have finished that question, and we are on another question.

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The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the first time. Just start that question again, please.

Mrs G.J. GODFREY: Can the Minister for Police please update the house on any recent results from the local policing teams in my electorate of Belmont?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Belmont for this question.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

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

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It gives me great pleasure to stand in this house and talk about the successes of our Western Australian local policing team efforts in the south east metropolitan district. I know there are members in this house who applaud the efforts of our Frontline 2020 model. I know the supporters are nearly all on this side of the house. Most members are aware that, since February this year, the local policing teams have been targeting their efforts in the priority areas of theft, burglary, stolen motor vehicles, and family and domestic violence.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time. Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the second time. We are starting to waste time again.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To target those priority areas, the south east metropolitan district formulated Operation Renew, an intelligence team of officers working out of Belmont Police Station. I am sure that the member for Belmont is aware of that. They were tasked with targeting emerging and current crime hotspots and the specific offences that I mentioned earlier, and also putting the pressure on prolific priority offenders. To date, Operation Renew has resulted in 28 arrests. There have been 47 summonses, and a total of 175 charges have been laid. It has been a very successful operation so far. The charges include burglary, stealing, stealing motor vehicles and possessing stolen property. As part of this operation, 216 vehicles have been stopped, which has resulted in a further 81 charges being laid. The best result so far has been that nine prolific offenders have been detained and removed from the community. Although nine does not sound like a big number, prolific offenders commit many offences in a very short time, so it is very important that we try to get those prolific offenders off the streets, and that police target them in their everyday work. These are the kinds of results that the Liberal–National government is proud of. That is why we support the Frontline 2020 policing model.

I listened to the inane giggling of members on the other side of the house, and it offends me, as Minister for Police. They would undermine Frontline 2020. They would rather not have 175 charges laid against PPOs, and they would rather not have 81 charges laid as a result of vehicle stops. They want chaos to reign; they want to unwind a successful Frontline 2020 policing model. That is all they have to offer, and the people of the south east metropolitan district deserve better.