

CRIME STATISTICS — BREAK-IN INCIDENTS

**95. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:**

I ask a supplementary question. I note that the minister accused me of selectively quoting from this report. I therefore ask: why is the minister not aware that in 10 out of the 10 categories that are reported in this report, we are above the Australian average; and why is the minister not aware that in seven out of the 10 categories in this report, crime is increasing in Western Australia?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I do not think the member for Midland was listening to where we have come in this state on the watch of this government. I say again: overall, total offences against the person are down 7.6 per cent, and total offences against property are down 33 per cent.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the third time.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** We are heading in the right direction. We have got good, strong, tough legislation coming into this Parliament and being debated at present, to try to address our prolific offenders and get them behind bars. That will further drive down our crime rate. We are heading in the right direction, and we will continue to do so.