

**WA POLICE ANNUAL REPORT 2011–12 — CORRECTION**

*Statement by Minister for Police*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Police)** [2.08 pm]: I rise to inform the house about a matter involving the reporting of traffic patrol hours in the Western Australia Police annual report for the 2011–12 financial year. It has recently come to my attention that there was an error in that report in the table outlining the traffic patrol hours. I believe it is important to correct the record in such cases as expediently as possible. Given that the error only came to light very recently, today was the first opportunity I had to inform the house of the error.

In the “Road Policing and Road-User Behaviour” section of the 2011–12 police annual report—statistical appendix pages 153 to 154—is a table that outlines the non-camera speed contacts, the number of traffic patrol hours and the number of vehicles stopped. Recently, WA Police has discovered that the traffic patrol hours were shown against the incorrect category, while statistics relating to another category were incorrectly shown against the category of traffic patrol hours. An erratum has since been placed on the WA Police website to inform users of the corrections to the annual report; however, I believe it is important to also inform the house of this amendment.

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

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** In respect of traffic patrol hours in general, I am pleased to report that the total number of vehicles stopped in 2012–13 was 1 265 590 compared with 996 513 in 2008–09. As a ratio, the total number of vehicles stopped per reportable traffic hour was 2.22 in 2012–13.

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

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** This is an improvement on 2008–09 when 1.42 vehicles per traffic patrol hour were stopped. Based on these figures, this can be interpreted as an efficiency increase of 56 per cent, which is very encouraging.

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

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** In 2012–13, 1 126 644 preliminary breath tests were conducted compared with 759 886 tests in 2008–09. The 2012–13 preliminary breath test output was 1.97 per traffic hour compared with 1.07 per traffic hour in 2008–09. There has also been an increase in tasking across the metropolitan area, with resources being prioritised to focus on issues such as antisocial behaviour, violence and other serious offending behaviour, resulting in better policing outcomes.

In conclusion, I am pleased to see WA Police working more efficiently and effectively on our roads, and I encourage any interested member to check the WA Police website for the corrected statistics on traffic patrol hours.