

POLICE BUDGET — FRONT-LINE SERVICES

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

I have a supplementary question. How is it that after only four months in the job, the Minister for Police can have supreme confidence that she can cut \$28 million from the police budget and that it will not affect the front line, yet the minister who sat in that chair for four years says that a \$28 million cut will affect the front line?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

As the minister responsible for this portfolio, my undertaking to this house and to the people of Western Australia is that front-line service delivery will not be affected by any efficiency measure of this government. I make that commitment. I stand by the things I say in this house.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I do not need any interjections from you today. I formally call you to order for the first time today.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I make my commitment. I stand by my commitments. I say it again: police front-line service delivery will not be impacted by any efficiency measure of this government. I will be held accountable to my word. I stand by my word and I take my responsibility for this portfolio seriously.