

POLICE — EFFICIENCY DIVIDEND

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

It is now four months since the state budget was delivered.

- (1) Has WA Police identified the budget cuts to meet the required \$21 million efficiency dividend?
- (2) Does she agree with the police union that the government will have blood on its hands if cuts are made to traffic squads?
- (3) Has the Commissioner of Police signed the resource agreement as required by the Financial Management Act?

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

I thank the member for Midland for the question.

- (1)–(3) My discussions with the Commissioner of Police regarding how the WA Police will meet their share of this state government's efficiency dividend —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Do you know anything about accountability?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Those discussions are ongoing. Since I was sworn in as minister on 29 June we have been in discussions over a range of options that WA Police has put to me on how it will meet the efficiency dividend. The efficiency dividend is a very important measure of government to ensure that government is running efficiently and effectively. My commitment is that front-line services will not be affected. I have relayed that to the commissioner.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** Are you going to meet the efficiency dividend?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** It is my intention that WA Police will meet its share of the two per cent efficiency dividend.