

POLICE — REDUNDANCIES

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

I have a supplementary question. Given that the minister is removing that number of officers—somewhere fewer than 50—can the minister advise whether those senior positions will be abolished or advertised and filled by lower ranking officers?

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

The proposal at present is to look for opportunities to flatten the structure, and to look for opportunities, if you like, for officers who may choose to leave WA Police through a voluntary severance scheme to free up an opportunity for younger, more enthusiastic officers to fill those positions. We have not settled, as I said, on a final number. What has gone out at present is an expression of interest to gauge the mood within those commissioned officer ranks. We obviously need to flatten our structure. Every government agency needs to do that in the interests of getting best value for money for taxpayers. That is what I will do and that is what Frontline 2020 is all about.