

WORKFORCE REFORM BILL 2013

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

I refer to the government's Workforce Reform Bill 2013.

- (1) What restrictions currently apply to access by police officers to the WA Industrial Relations Commission?
- (2) Does the minister support the inclusion of police officers in the provisions of the Workforce Reform Bill?
- (3) What has the minister done to ensure that police officers are not unfairly affected by the Workforce Reform Bill?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question.

(1)–(3) The Workforce Reform Bill is a work in progress. Members of this place have probably heard me —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: No, it's actually before the house. It's not a work in progress.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I will reframe what I said, Mr Speaker.

The Workforce Reform Bill is in process in this house. Police are not part of that legislation at this moment in time. There is not a concerted effort of the government necessarily to exclude police from reform. Members of this house would probably have heard me talk ad nauseam about the police reform project in which we are looking at various aspects of police and ways to reform the way police do business. In the context of that, I expect further down the track that there will be significant changes to the way police do business. In that context, it would be premature to include police in this package at this moment in time.