

POLICE — WORKERS' COMPENSATION

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

I have a supplementary question. Why has the minister not even presented a draft plan or a draft bill after four years of mouthing platitudes?

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

That is a bit rich coming from the member for Midland. Police have been calling for mandatory penalties for years for those who assault police officers. We did it; mandatory blood testing for people who bite and spit at police officers—we did it; post-retirement medical benefits for police officers—we did it; a significant growth program for police officers and expanding their capacity—we did it.

*Point of Order*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** I have asked the minister a simple question about workers' compensation coverage.

**Mr P.T. Miles** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Wanneroo, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mr P.T. Miles:** The member for South Perth wound me up!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Wanneroo, do you want to be called for a second time? I think I know what the member for Midland's point of order is. Please address the question.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I have said that I support workers' compensation for police officers. In due course, I will announce what that looks like, and what every single police officer in the community knows is that this government listens to them and helps them by getting legislation they need to do their job through this house in good time. They cannot expect that from the opposition. They have been waiting for 35 years and this Liberal-National government will detail its plans in due course.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. Member for Girrawheen, I want you to settle down a bit as well.