

POLICE BUDGET — FRONT-LINE SERVICES

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

I have a supplementary question. How does the minister define front-line policing?

**Ms M.M. Quirk:** Good question.

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

Mr Speaker —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** You didn't answer my first two questions.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I am quite surprised that the member opposite needs to have front-line police servicing defined for her. Front-line police servicing is what I define as the ability of police to answer calls for assistance, to respond to calls for assistance and to deliver the services to the community to the level and expectation that this government puts out there for service delivery for police. Our priority as a government has been and always will be —

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** — community safety and community protection. Law and order is a high priority of this government and that has indeed been backed up today by the decision of executive government —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts:** What are you guaranteeing you won't cut?

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** That the police budget will be better off today by more than \$26 million, to lift the FTE cap on policing and to continue with our commitment to deliver additional police officers to the WA Police service commensurate with our commitment to the community in the 2008 election.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen, I formally call you to order for the second time today.