

LAW AND ORDER — SENIORS' SECURITY

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

I refer to the minister's comments at the weekend that —

“People are scared, elderly people in particular, about home invasions, about violent and unprovoked attacks on people in the street.”

- (1) Could the reason for this fear have something to do with the fact that there has been a 48 per cent increase in attacks on the elderly under this government's watch?
- (2) Is this the reason that the former Minister for Police was sacked from the portfolio?

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

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(2) In response to the Premier's comments on the weekend—he was commenting about the concerns people have about home invasions—I have been working with the police on strategies that we can use to engage with the community on a number of levels in the area of helping elderly people fit security devices to their properties to make them feel safer when they are in their homes. In addition, we have been working on a policing response that may involve an education campaign to make people more aware about how to make themselves and their properties safer. This is obviously something of concern to me as a minister. I believe that my role is to ensure that the police are given the tools they need to be effective and to ensure that they deliver effective policing, and as a minister, I am committed to ensuring they can do that.