

**MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY**

*Service Station Drive-off — Question without Notice 568 — Personal Explanation*

**MRS L.M. HARVEY (Scarborough — Minister for Police)** [2.57 pm]: Mr Speaker, under standing order 148, I would like to make a personal explanation.

**The SPEAKER:** Proceed.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Thank you, Mr Speaker.

With respect to the accusation that I have been guilty of a fuel drive-off, I would like to explain my actions. Last Thursday, in response to a grievance put to me by the member for Kingsley relating to fuel drive-offs, I gave an example of how people can be distracted after filling their vehicle with fuel by referring to my own experience. I cannot remember the exact date of this occurrence. All I can remember of the event is that I had at least one screaming child in the car. I filled my vehicle with fuel and I drove off. The BP service station contacted the local police. The police called me. Their comment to me on the phone at the time was that the lady at the petrol station said she thought I just forgot to pay. Indeed, that was the case. I drove back to the station and paid for the fuel. No charge was ever laid against me. I chose to bring that incident to the attention of the house because I thought it would be hypocritical not to mention that I had had an experience of that kind and that inadvertence and distraction caused me to be caught in that situation.