

POLICE — FRONTLINE 2020 PROGRAM

**809. Mrs G.J. GODFREY to the Minister for Police:**

I notice that at the weekend, Western Australia Police launched the next stage of reform under the Frontline 2020 program. Can the minister please outline to the house what those changes are and what benefits they will provide to the police and to the community as a whole?

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

I thank the member for Belmont for the question.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you very much, member for Midland. I call you to order for the first time. Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time. Can we just let the minister answer the question and move on.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Under the Frontline 2020 reform program, the police are trying to improve the way they do business and to take a better coordinated approach to crime across the board. The police have moved to what they call a centralised traffic enforcement model, member for Belmont, and I think this will be of great interest to a number of the member's constituents.

What happened previously was that traffic officers were located in metropolitan districts, and there was a central traffic enforcement unit within police. All those resources will now be controlled centrally. That will enable far better coordination and far better management of our traffic resource. It will enable us to take a more targeted approach to our traffic enforcement to ensure that we are targeting the main causes of serious injury and fatal crashes. Under this proposal—indeed, it is in operation at the moment—we have brought crash vetting and investigation, traffic enforcement, the specialist resources of our drug and breath testing units, our motorcycle patrols, and our advanced traffic management vehicles under the central control of the traffic unit.

The police have already run two traffic enforcement programs. One of those programs was run two weeks ago, and it was called Greyfriars. The statistics for this program are quite shocking. Through Greyfriars, the police targeted suspended drivers using the software in the ATMs. Over a two-week period, the police impounded 145 motor vehicles that were being driven by suspended drivers. That is a very good result for WA Police, and it sends a good, strong message to the community that traffic enforcement officers will be there to catch people if they are driving while under suspension. The member for Mandurah and the Deputy Premier would be interested to know that last week in the Peel, WA Police ran Operation Blue Eagle 1. Members may get some complaints from their constituents about this. Over the last week, the police have issued 350 traffic infringement notices in the Peel district.

So we are getting a more coordinated approach from our traffic enforcement unit out of this model. I think that particularly over those targeted programs that we run over long weekends and in the lead-up to school holidays and all those events, we will get far better management of our traffic resource and far better results, and hopefully, after that, much better compliance by motorists on the roads to ensure the safety of the community.