

POLICE — FEMALE REPRESENTATION

**132. Ms L.L. BAKER to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the 2015 “Report on Government Services”, which shows that WA Police currently has the lowest percentage of female staff in Australia. Could the Minister for Police tell us the percentage of female staff in WA Police—she should know, as she is also Minister for Women’s Interests—and please explain how she has managed to allow that percentage to become the lowest in Australia?

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

I like the member for Maylands, and I accept that somebody else has put her up to this question, which has not been well researched. At present, the representation of police officers in Western Australia is at an all-time high of 22 per cent.

**Ms L.L. Baker:** Female?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** With female police officers in Western Australia, we are now at an all-time high of 22 per cent. I am proud of that achievement.