

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE — SELECTION PROCESS

538. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Police:

- (1) Do you agree with the highly respected former Commissioner of Police, Dr Karl O’Callaghan, that the credibility of Public Sector Commission’s values and independence evaporated as a result of political interference in the Commissioner of Police selection process?
- (2) Do you also agree with Dr O’Callaghan that the questioning of the selection process by the member for Burns Beach amounts to political interference?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

You will note, Mr Speaker, that the question started with the words, “Do you agree.” The member is clearly seeking an opinion, which you will be aware is against the standing orders.