

SCHOOL CROSSINGS — DRIVER BEHAVIOUR

**773. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Road Safety:**

I have a supplementary question. Is the minister aware that this is not an isolated issue and that she has received other complaints—for example, about Broun Avenue in the member for Maylands' electorate?

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

Yes, the member for Midland will probably recall that the member for Maylands raised that issue as a grievance in this place and at that time I detailed police actions around that incident as well. From time to time, we find sections of road around children's crossings where motorists behave very poorly. I am sure that members of Parliament have been the recipients of complaints from local schools and the local community about driver behaviour. When this happens, our response is to deploy additional police resources, to put speed cameras in place, to infringe motorists —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** That is enough!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** There are 1 100 schools in this state. It is not feasible to expect that we are going to have a police car at every crossing; that is a nonsense. In response to that, we implemented our flashing 40-kilometre-an-hour school signage. Every school in the state will have those signs by the end of this financial year. Those signs change the behaviour of motorists because they make them aware of when the school crossings are effective. We take on initiatives to ensure the safety of traffic wardens and our children. We were criticised for that by the opposition. It said that it was not a road safety initiative to put in those lights. Notwithstanding that criticism, we responded to the community.

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, I call you to order for the second time. A quick answer, please.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** There will always be a minority of motorists who behave very badly. When we hear of those reports, police respond; when they respond, they infringe; and when they infringe, there are tough consequences for motorists because of the initiatives this government has taken.