

ROAD TOLL — MINISTER FOR ROAD SAFETY'S COMMENTS

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

I ask a supplementary question. What responsibility does the minister take, a year and a half after receiving the Browne report, for still sitting on over \$80 million in the road trauma trust account?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

When the member for Midland was responsible for road safety, her government spent \$14 million a year on road safety initiatives. This year we have allocated \$110 million to improving road safety in Western Australia. We have a run-off road crash program; we have a metropolitan intersections program —

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

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

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We are increasing the number of speed cameras —

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

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

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We will shortly be commencing a point-to-point speed camera trial. We are increasing the number of red-light and speed cameras from 30 to 90. We have appointed our first road safety commissioner. We are in the middle of a massive restructure to ensure that our media campaigns will get to our target audience. We are doing a lot in the road safety space—far more than the member for Midland did when she was the minister. The rate of fatalities in Western Australia per 100 000, with a correction for population growth, is coming down. It is not coming down at the rate that I would like. But when those people were in power, it was 9.6 fatalities —

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, you must decide now whether you want to stay or whether you want to go. All right?

Mr S.K. L'Estrange interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Churchlands, I call you to order for the second time. Minister, wind it up.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: When the opposition was in government, in those dark days, it was 9.6 deaths per 100 000 of population. We are now down to 7.2 deaths per 100 000.

Mr W.J. Johnston interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Cannington!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is still too high, but we will keep the pressure on so that we can get to the best practice and the best performing state.