

HOON DRIVERS

335. Ms A.R. MITCHELL to the Minister for Police:

As the minister heard at a community meeting in Woodvale on Saturday—I believe she received the same feedback in Butler on Thursday night—hoons remain an issue that concerns the community. Can the minister please update the house on whether there is anything in the 2014–15 budget to combat hoons?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for Kingsley for asking this question, and also for the opportunity to talk to and listen to her constituents at the community forum on Saturday.

It was really interesting to hear the views of those Woodvale and Kingsley residents. They are absolutely at their wits' end, just as lots of people in the metropolitan area are, with respect to the issue of hoons. They were really pleased to hear that the government is active in this space, and they were very pleased that we have tightened up the legislation and made the laws around hoons tougher.

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I love it when the opposition carries on about hoons. It has nothing to say; it has no policy on hoons.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: What we have in the budget —

Mr B.S. Wyatt interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Victoria Park, I call you to order for the third time. Member for Collie–Preston!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: What we have done in the budget to address the issue of hoons, and what we on this side of the house do when there is a problem in the community around law and order, is listened to the community, liaised with the police and come up with a solution for the problem and a way to combat the issue. Part of that solution is tougher penalties, and indeed we have brought those penalties to this Parliament in the past.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, I call you to order for the third time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The other initiative we have around hoons is that we have funded \$170 000 towards the purchase of covert closed-circuit television cameras, because the issue —

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is really interesting; I welcome interjections from those opposite because at the last election campaign we went to the community with a really clear policy on what we would do about hoons, and we will bring tougher legislation to this Parliament later in the year. What did the opposition have to say? What did the member for Cannington have to say? The member for Cannington is laughing over there—what did he have to say? As the *Victoria Park Examiner* recorded —

Mr Johnston did not comment on how he would deal with the issue of hooning in the electorate.

“It’s a problem. I have no comment; I have no solution”!

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The member for Cannington was quoted in the media in the *Victoria Park Examiner* of 27 February 2013. I am happy to lay that on the table for the rest of the day’s sitting, if members so wish.

[The paper was tabled for the information of members.]

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is really important that we note in this place that Labor made no mention of any policy around hoons in the 2013 election campaign—no policy whatsoever!

Several members interjected.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: On this side of the house, Mr Speaker —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the second time. It is up to members whether they wish to take an early afternoon, if they wish to carry on the way they are going.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: That is the difference between this side of the house and the Labor opposition. We have a policy about hoons. We are funding covert cameras so that police officers can catch hoons. The opposition has a covert policy on hoons. We do not know what its policy is; it has it locked in a drawer.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I will wind up because the rabble over there does not like this conversation.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warnbro, I call you to order for the third time and the member for Girrawheen for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I will be listening intently to the contribution from the Leader of the Opposition in his reply to the budget speech to find out whether he supports the allocation of \$170 000 towards the purchase of covert closed-circuit television cameras to crack down on hoons. If he does not support it, he should put it out on the table, because the constituents in Butler support our policy on hoons, the constituents in Cannington do, just as those in Kingsley and —

Several members interjected.

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

Mr J.R. Quigley: The second time.

The SPEAKER: The second time; thank you for bringing that to my attention. Right, minister, wind it up, please.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is incumbent on those opposite to put on the record whether they support it. They should let the community know.