

POLICE OFFICERS — SERIOUS ASSAULTS

**856. Mrs M.H. Roberts to the Minister for Police:**

- (1) What was the basis for your claim at the Western Australian Police Union Conference that there had been 40 per cent reduction in serious assaults against Police Officers since the introduction of mandatory sentencing for serious assaults against Police Officers?
- (2) Over what period of time was the 40 per cent reduction achieved?
- (3) How many Police Officers were seriously assaulted in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;
  - (c) 2011; and
  - (d) 2012?
- (4) How many Police Officers have been seriously assaulted up to 30 June 2013?
- (5) How many people were charged with a serious assault on a Police Officers in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;
  - (c) 2011; and
  - (d) 2012?
- (6) How many people have been charged with a serious assaults on a Police Officers up to 30 June 2013?
- (7) How many people were charged with a serious assault on a public officer in each of the following years:
  - (a) 2009;
  - (b) 2010;
  - (c) 2011; and
  - (d) 2012?
- (8) How many people have been charged with a serious assault on a public officer up to 30 June 2013?

**Mrs L.M. Harvey replied:**

- (1)–(2) The reference is consistent with a media statement made by the former Police Minister Rob Johnson and the former Attorney-General Christian Porter on 23 June 2011.
- (3) The number of reported assaults on police officers are as follows.
  - (a) 1,256
  - (b) 884
  - (c) 825
  - (d) 970
  - (4) 457
- (5)–(6) Briefcase data which pertains to charges, does not contain details on victims therefore it is not possible to identify if the victim of the offence is a police officer.
- (7) The number of charges for Criminal Code Section 318 Serious Assault (pertaining to assaults on public officers)
  - (a) 1,773
  - (b) 1,195
  - (c) 1,142
  - (d) 1,219
  - (8) 572