

JUBILEE RESERVE, EDEN HILL — DRUG HOUSE

**484. Mr D.J. KELLY to the Minister for Police:**

Before I ask my question, I acknowledge the members of the Jubilee Action Group who are in the gallery today. I refer the minister to the numerous complaints from residents in Eden Hill concerning the daily discovery of needles at Jubilee Reserve.

- (1) Why has the government not acted to stop the selling of drugs when members of the community can readily identify the house where the dealing takes place?
- (2) Why has the government failed to act when this problem has been going on for well over a year?
- (3) How many more residents will suffer needlestick injuries before the minister shuts down this known drug house?

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

- (1)–(3) Yes, I am well aware of the issues that the member's community is facing with Jubilee Reserve, which I think it is known as.

**Mr D.J. Kelly:** That's right, minister.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The problem with Jubilee Reserve, just so that people in the house are informed, is that it is a reserve in Eden Hill where drug addicts go to inject themselves with drugs. We know that they are purchasing the drugs from a particular house around which there has been suspicious activity and a lot of police attention. Sadly, these addicts are leaving syringes in sandpits and places like that, and obviously that is creating a significant health risk to the community and a safety risk to the community. What police have been doing with that neighbourhood—and we are certainly encouraging everybody in that suburb to report as much information as they possibly can into the local policing team, Crime Stoppers or the 131 444 number—is that police have executed a number of raids on the house that the neighbourhood is saying is the place where the drugs are being sold from. We need as much information as we can so that we can continue to execute search warrants and work on bringing those offenders in the house before the courts. The second thing police have been doing is working with the local shire. Shire rangers, police and the community have been working together to ensure that in the morning they can be removing hazards from that park, so that the safety of the community is being looked after as well as it possibly can be, given the nature of the people who are frequenting that park. It does take time. It often can take anywhere between eight months and two years for police to work with charging these offenders and bringing offenders to justice.

**Mr D.J. Kelly** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bassendean!

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** That is why they need the assistance of the community to establish trends when the drugs are available in the house so that they can execute a search warrant at a time when they know it is likely they are going to find drugs on the premises, because these dealers are very, very proficient at getting rid of evidence when they know that police are paying attention to them. So we will continue to work with the local shire. We will continue to work with the community. Police are very, very focused on trying to bring a resolution to the problems around that particular house and particularly Jubilee Reserve.