

POLICE — SANCTION RATES

176. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:

I ask a supplementary question. Given that the police website shows that the sanction rate in the metropolitan area for crimes against a person was just 45.3 per cent in 2012–13, compared to 81.7 per cent in 2008–09, are far fewer people not getting caught for serious crimes against a person than they were just four or five years ago?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

No, that is incorrect.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: You don't know what the figures are, but it's not right!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The member should have listened to the response I just gave her. We have changed the way that we measure the sanction rate. Legislative requirements have meant that police are required to present their evidence briefs to the courts. The member is completely incorrect. It is a very simplistic way of trying to interpret the sanction rate. I think the member for Midland knows that because she used to be the Minister for Police.