

TUNG TRAN

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

I refer to the case of Mr Tung Tran, a shopkeeper, whom WA Police charged after he was the victim of a gang of shoplifters.

- (1) How many verbal briefings or briefing notes has the minister received regarding this case, and when did she receive any such briefings?
- (2) Is the minister aware of Mr Tran's claim that he is \$60 000 out of pocket for legal fees after police decided to drop the charges after 12 months, and only just before his four-day trial was about to begin?
- (3) Has the minister assured herself as to the probity of police actions in relation to this case; and, if not, why not?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question.

- (1)–(3) Yes, I am aware of the case against Mr Tung Tran. My understanding of that situation is that there is a potential for some negotiation between Mr Tran and WA Police so that both parties can understand the particular circumstances around how that case got to the point that it did before it was actually dropped. I do not want to be discussing those negotiations at this point in time. I would like Mr Tran and his legal team to be working with WA Police on this matter.