

ROAD SAFETY — COUNTRY FATALITIES

**482. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Road Safety:**

I have a supplementary question. Given that all the minister's talk and failed strategies have delivered a 50 per cent increase in deaths on country roads this year, why does the minister not admit she has failed and hand over the portfolio to somebody who can do something about reducing the road toll —

**The SPEAKER:** That is not a question, member for Midland. That is a statement.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** It is a question, and it is as follows —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Sit down, please.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Mr Speaker, I taught English; I know what a question is!

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. I have had it with the member for Midland. I asked you to do succinct questions. I want succinct answers. Will you ask a succinct question?

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Given that the minister has failed and there has been a 50 per cent increase in country road fatalities, why does the minister not resign and hand over the portfolio?

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

I reiterate that when we came to government, we changed the parameters around the road trauma trust fund, which this year has enabled us to allocate \$146 million for road safety initiatives. When we analyse our road fatalities this year, we acknowledge that awful and tragic Labor Day long weekend in March when we lost 11 lives on our roads; that was a very difficult weekend of concentrated trauma for us to recover from as a community. But we will continue to ensure that we invest the red-light and speed-camera infringement money into initiatives that will help improve road safety outcomes in Western Australia. That will be the highest ever allocation from the road trauma trust fund to run-off-road crashes on regional roads, metropolitan intersections, education campaigns and education in schools. We need every piece of the strategy working together to help us achieve our Towards Zero strategy in 2020.