

FORMER MEMBER FOR VASSE — ROAD TRAFFIC INCIDENT —  
CORRUPTION AND CRIME COMMISSION REPORT —  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND JUSTICE STANDING COMMITTEE REPORT

**132. Mr B.S. WYATT to the Minister for Police:**

I have a supplementary question. In that case, I refer to the minister's letter to the Chair of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee in respect of that committee's report, where the minister stated in her letter dated 14 August 2014 that —

... the Government considers that the majority report has no credibility and should be disregarded.

I note that it is closer to the fact and the findings of the CCC report. How does the minister justify that statement in that letter?

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

As I recall at the time —

Several members interjected.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** No, as I recall at the time, there was a lot of conjecture and some innuendo that there was some kind of cover-up by police in this investigation. There was not. There had been some reports about erratic driving behaviour, there had been —

*Point of Order*

**Mr B.S. WYATT:** Mr Speaker, this is an important point. The minister is saying that this letter that she wrote was apparently in response to innuendo when clearly it was in response to the recommendations and the findings of a report.

**The SPEAKER:** That is not really a point of order. I just want to say something: we are not making much progress here. I want a very succinct answer to address what has been asked and then let us try to move on.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I am flattered that the member for Victoria Park thinks that I am going to be able to remember the entire contents of a letter that was sent a long time ago. What I do recall about the actions of the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee at the time was that there did seem to be a theme running that there was some kind of cover-up by police with respect to this investigation. There was not. It was explained ad nauseam at the time that there were reports of erratic driving behaviour. There was a check done on Mr Buswell's residence, which was where a vehicle had been seen to enter a driveway and, as I recall, had hit the fence on the way through. Police were called away to another incident that was of a higher priority in the CBD, as I recall. In the context of all of that, my responsibility as Minister for Police was to answer for the actions of police with respect to that investigation. There were some criticisms levelled at police at that time that I was unhappy with. Quite frankly, if police were called away to a higher priority incident where there were officers at risk, that is where they needed to go. I am happy to go back —

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Point of order, Mr Speaker.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Oh, for God's sake!

*Point of Order*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** The minister's answer to the supplementary has nothing to do with the question that was asked. Can I suggest that if the minister is not answering the question, she sit down so that we can move on with the next question.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, through the Chair. Wind it up, please.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Just before another point of order was raised —

**Mrs M.H. Roberts** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Members! I just want to say something now: we are getting nowhere. I want a quick answer through the Chair and no interjections. Just address what was asked.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** If the member for Victoria Park takes issue with a letter that I wrote well over a year ago, I suggest that he put it in writing to me and we can discuss it.