

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

131. Mr B.S. WYATT to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee report into the police handling of the Buswell scandal and in particular to the comment that Ms Turnseck did not seem to be questioned with any great vigour, and to the contrary view of the Commissioner of Police that this conclusion was simply invented. How does the minister reconcile the police commissioner's view with the findings of the Corruption and Crime Commission that led to the finding of misconduct?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question. As I recall, the person in question, Troy Buswell, pleaded guilty to a range of charges relating to the use of that vehicle and offences against the Road Traffic Act and has received a penalty as a result. Regardless of whatever the member is trying to get at, there were consequences for Mr Buswell with respect to his actions that night as the driver of the vehicle.

Point of Order

Mr B.S. WYATT: Again, Mr Speaker, my question was in respect to comments that the committee made around the police investigation of Ms Turnseck. I have not asked a question about Mr Buswell's behaviour that night; I have asked a question about Ms Turnseck.

The SPEAKER: Can you just address what was asked of you, please.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Mr Speaker, I was interrupted. I will say that there were consequences for Mr Buswell; he pleaded guilty to a range of charges with respect to his driving that evening. I believe that most people in the community think that that is an acceptable outcome for somebody who has driven a vehicle in that manner. I believe Mr Buswell pleaded guilty with respect to that. If the member for Victoria Park takes issue with something that the Commissioner of Police has said —

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: If the member for Victoria Park takes issue with something that the Commissioner of Police has said, he will need to take that up with him, because I cannot answer for the commissioner right here and now without having a conversation with him about whatever it is the member is referring to.