

CLANDESTINE DRUG LABORATORIES — STATISTICS

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

- (1) Have police briefed the minister on the number of clandestine laboratories they have uncovered this year?
- (2) How does that number compare to the number of clandestine laboratories that they discovered last year?
- (3) Is the minister able to advise why police have not been providing up-to-date figures on the number of clan labs that they are uncovering?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question. I do not have the specific detail with respect to the number of clandestine laboratories that have been uncovered this year as opposed to last year, but I am happy to get that information for the member.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Don't you know if it is up or down from last year?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I think if the member would listen to my answer instead of interjecting over it, she would have heard that I said I do not have the statistics for this year compared with last year, and I will get them.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Do you know whether they have gone up or down? No, you do not. Why don't you just say you do not know? Did you have a briefing or not? That was my question.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Did I just tell you, member? Mr Speaker —

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, if you want to ask a supplementary question, I will enable you to do that.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Thank you, Mr Speaker. As I was trying to say to the member, I am happy to provide the member with that information. If she would like to put the question on notice —

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — I will give her the specific information about the number of clan labs that have been discovered this year to compare with the number last year.