

WAGES POLICY — POLICE — COMMISSIONER OF POLICE'S COMMENTS

**275. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to comments made today by Commissioner Karl O'Callaghan that he is expecting hundreds of policing jobs will need to be cut in response to sweeping cuts expected in next month's state budget. Can the minister please explain to us and to police officers why she has failed to convince her colleagues to achieve a 1.5 per cent pay increase for police officers, consistent with the government's election commitments, and what she is going to do to ensure that no jobs of police officers will be cut as a result of the budget slashes expected by the commissioner?

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:**

I anticipate that when the budget comes down, an announcement will be made to appoint additional police officers, particularly for the meth border force and for traffic enforcement in regional areas.