

VIOLENCE RESTRAINING ORDERS

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

I have a supplementary question. What priority does a woman with a VRO get when she rings up from a regular domestic home compared with the priority for a woman who rings up from a refuge?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

In response to the question, domestic violence —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: So, is it priority 1, 2 or 3? That's what I'm asking. What priority is it given within CADCOM—the computer-aided dispatch and communications services system?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I am attempting to respond to the member's question, if she would let me actually get my sentence out.

The priority assigned to each individual case for a breach of a violence restraining order or a domestic violence case is allocated according to the urgency portrayed by the caller at the time. That is an operational matter for police. The police deal with these matters with the highest level of urgency. I will continue to be in conversation with the commissioner to ensure that each case is allocated the appropriate priority in keeping with community expectations.