

ROAD SAFETY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT — DATA COLLECTION

837. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police; Road Safety:

I ask a supplementary question. Given that the Road Safety Commission report states that the government was notified in December 2013, how can the minister justify \$95 million sitting in the road trauma trust account and not moving more quickly to fix this important issue?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

Just to correct what I said, this was not reported in the section 13 report; it was reported in the crash data report. Every year, about 15 months —

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: As I made very clear in my question, I was referring to page 24 of the Road Safety Commission's annual report and the heading "Significant Issues", not to another report that the minister is now referring to.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: I was explaining when I was first made aware of this.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The first time this was mentioned was when the crash data for the 2013 year was reported. It has been flagged as part of that crash data report subsequently, and it has now been flagged also as a significant issue in the Road Safety Commission's inaugural report.

As members will no doubt be aware, the government collects swathes of data. Unfortunately, that data is not always classified consistently. The remedy for this is to have the Road Safety Commission define the data collection so that we have integrity to our data collection source and we can report appropriately. I expect it to be fixed for the next Road Safety Commission report that will be tabled in Parliament in due course.