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267. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. It is not about platitudes or whether the minister supports the case.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: It is not about platitudes and supporting the case; it is about whether the minister is going to hold her Premier to account for his commitment or not. Will the minister hold him to account for his election commitment to our officers?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members, your own member has asked a question and you are trying to give the answer. Let the minister answer.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

Perhaps the member for Scarborough, the former Minister for Police, would like to advise the house why she sat by and saw \$14 million taken out of the police budget and why she did not publicise the fact that the previous government would be increasing Government Regional Officers' Housing rentals for police officers by \$30 a week.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: In 2015, the previous government took \$14 million out of the police budget, \$30 a week for each of the next four years starting in —

Mrs L.M. Harvey interjected.

The SPEAKER: Deputy Leader of the Opposition, I call you to order for the third time.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: For each of the four years starting in 2016–17, the previous government committed to \$30 a week additional GROH rent. The fact of the matter is—only for one year—it kept that secret, by not imposing it last year.

Mr D.T. Redman interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Warren–Blackwood!

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: It grabbed that money from elsewhere in the police budget, patched it up and covered it up so it would not be exposed before the election. Now we find out, after the election, that the whole police budget was predicated on ripping out that \$14 million via increased GROH rentals in the country.