

POLICE — BALLAJURA POLICE STATION

79. Ms R. SAFFIOTI to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the minister's comments about a new Ballajura police station, particularly the comments she made here last night. I will quote from notes that I took —

Mr T.R. Buswell: Quote from the notes you took!

Ms R. SAFFIOTI: I am quoting what the minister said. She said —

It wasn't going to be 24/7; it was just for a police station.

- (1) Does the minister today stand by those comments that the Liberal Party did not commit to a 24/7 station in Ballajura?
- (2) Did the Liberal Party tell Ballajura residents before the election that the police station was going to be a 24/7 station?
- (3) Will the minister today confirm that she is going to break a key law and order election commitment to the people of Ballajura just two months after the election?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I thank the member for the question.

(1)–(3) To redefine what our commitment is to the people of Ballajura —

Ms R. Saffioti: You're going to redefine it!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To define it and put it on the record again: we committed to build a police station at Ballajura. We expect site tender for that police station to happen within the next 12 months with a view to construction beginning towards 2016. Twenty-four hour policing will occur out of Ballajura police station consistent with all of our police stations. It will be a modern policing facility. At this stage it is not anticipated that it will be a district 24-hour counter-service police station. To be very, very clear to members in the house: all of our police stations in every suburb in the metropolitan area have police officers who operate out of those stations at night, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. There is coverage across the entire metropolitan area 24 hours a day, seven days a week, from our police stations. Ballajura police station will have officers rostered 24 hours a day, seven days a week. That policing will occur consistent with our other stations.