

ROE HIGHWAY STAGE 8 — POLICE PRESENCE

1012. Mr P.C. TINLEY to the Minister for Police:

I refer to the strong police presence at Bibra Lake today for the Roe 8 project, including the mounted section of the police force, and the fact that in just three suburbs in my electorate there have been 261 burglaries so far this year and over 200 assaults. Is this police presence today an effective use of police resources, considering crime has increased for each of the last four months?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

As I said previously when I answered this question, we resource police to perform a wide variety of functions and activities to keep the community safe and to address crime in our community. The commissioner makes the decisions about where he deploys those resources and I support the commissioner and his team in the very difficult job they do in our community every day.

Mr F.A. ALBAN: Mr Speaker —