

OUT-OF-CONTROL PARTIES — POLICE RESPONSE COST

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

I ask a supplementary question. Did the minister come up with this idea for people to pay or did someone else; and, if so, who?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

The concept of people paying for the damage that they cause when they create a nuisance in public is not new. I have asked my department to look into how we can draft our legislative response to ensure that it is consistent with other areas of the Criminal Code where the public are unable to recover costs.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Mr Speaker, I notice that the member for Churchlands is now sitting on our side of the house. I am surprised to see a government member sitting on our side of the house. I would like some clarification as to how and why that has occurred.

The SPEAKER: Certainly. Let me provide some information to the house. It was simply a request from an Independent member, who is entitled to sit in a seat that she wishes to sit in.