

POLICE — COURT SITTINGS

586. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. Is the reason it sits only on Saturday morning due to security concerns; and, if this is the case, why is the government so inept in managing Serco contracts?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

To put it in plain English, when asking for additional services from a contractor to provide security for courts, amendments to a contract or a new contract need to be negotiated. We are in that process. It is ongoing. When those negotiations are finalised —

Dr A.D. Buti: When will it be sitting more than half a day?

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Mr Speaker, I would love to finish my sentence. When those negotiations are complete, the Attorney General and I will make an announcement on when those courts will sit every day of the week.