

DANGEROUS SEX OFFENDERS — ALWYN WAYNE BROWN —  
ATTORNEY GENERAL'S COMMENTS

**862. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:**

I have a supplementary question. How many dangerous sex offender photos are not on the website, or have been delayed in being posted?

**Ms M.M. Quirk:** Sixty per cent.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girraween, I call you to order for the first time. You are not obliged to comment on everything, nor are you obliged to answer questions that are asked of somebody else.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:**

I ask the member to put that question on notice.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girraween, I have spoken to you once.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I will explain why. When a decision is made to publish an offender's photograph on the website, we do it with strict criteria. First, there is a place to publish photographs of offenders whom the police need the assistance of the public to find. The second tier is to publish the faces of those offenders for whom a decision has been made that it is in the interest of community safety and also in the interests of the Department of Corrective Services and the sex offender management squad to assist in managing that offender. Once all those considerations are taken into account, the decision to publish is made.

We need to go back to what those opposite actually said when we were debating this measure. I said that 80 per cent of the community supported this legislation at the time it was introduced. What did we get from the opposition? We were told that this was poll driven and that it was a gimmick.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland and member for Girraween, I do not want to hear "60 per cent" again.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The opposition said this measure was poll driven and that it was a gimmick. The opposition said that this measure would result in sex offenders going underground, and members opposite said they would not support the legislation.

*Point of Order*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** If the minister is referring to me, she is misleading the house, because I did not make those remarks. Tell the truth!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland, if you get up again and take a spurious point of order, I am going to call you to order.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** Mr Speaker, I make note that every time I have got up to make a point of order I have been interjected on by the Premier, and you have not called him to order once.

**The SPEAKER:** I am telling you now: number 1, a point of order is to be heard in silence; number 2, you take serious points of order, and do not use points of order as debating tools. I do not want any more interjections; I want a succinct answer and I want to move on.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The opposition spokesperson at the time was the member for Girraween, and she can go back to the transcript —

**Mr W.J. Johnston:** What did she say? Where is the quote? Stop telling lies.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, withdraw that, please.

**Mr W.J. JOHNSTON:** I withdraw.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you; I call you to order for the first time. I want a really succinct answer, minister.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** I have finished my answer. I just wanted to clarify that it was the opposition spokesperson at the time. The truth is in the transcript.

**Mr W.J. Johnston** interjected.

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**The SPEAKER:** Member for Cannington, I call you to order for the second time. Have you finished your answer, minister?

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** Yes, Mr Speaker.