

CRIMINAL LAW (MENTALLY IMPAIRED ACCUSED) ACT — “MENTAL IMPAIRMENT” —  
DEFINITION

**98. Mr J.R. QUIGLEY to the Minister for Police:**

I ask a supplementary question. Given that the minister has not brought that legislation on, and given that she does not understand the issues regarding mental impairment, is it not about time the minister passed oversight of her home burglary legislation to the Attorney General, who by Governor’s proclamation is the minister responsible for the Criminal Code?

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

Once again, I know that members opposite do not like mandatory penalties, and I know they do not want this legislation. We will continue to debate this legislation in this house, and we will hear their views. But they will not be brave enough to vote against it. They will talk against it and run it down, and stand on the side of the offenders rather than the victims but, when push comes to shove, members vote with their feet in this place.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Butler, I call you to order for the third time. Member for West Swan, I call you to order for the second time.