

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE — GREG ITALIANO

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

I refer to the Commissioner of Police's comments regarding Mr Greg Italiano and the fact that their relationship has broken down, as I expect the minister would have read in the Corruption and Crime Commission, "Report on the Investigation of Alleged Public Sector Misconduct by the Commissioner of Police in relation to the use of the Western Australian Government Purchasing Card or any other Entitlement".

- (1) Does the minister have confidence in Mr Greg Italiano?
- (2) Has the minister spoken to him about this matter?
- (3) Has the minister spoken to the Commissioner of Police about his relationship with Mr Italiano; and, if so, what was said?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

- (1)–(3) I thank the member for the question. The member has had her hands on that report for two hours and it is a report that the Corruption and Crime Commission released after consideration of these matters over 10 months.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: When did you get the report?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Which page of the report is the member referring to?

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Page 29 for starters. How long have you had the report?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Page 29?

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Yes. Paragraph 99, if you like. Did you not read it?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Which aspect of that? I have read the report. The point that I make to the member in response to the member's question —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Are you going to answer my question?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: — is that the CCC has been considering these matters —

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Have you spoken to Mr Italiano? That is what I asked.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I formally call you to order for a second time. If you want an answer to your questions, perhaps you should wait until the person you are asking the question of starts to speak.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: She was asking me questions.

The SPEAKER: I formally call you to order for the third time today, member for Midland. If you want to stay in this place and hear the minister's response, I suggest you stay silent for a moment or two.

Point of Order

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: I have a point of order, Mr Speaker.

The SPEAKER: It had better be a good one.

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: The minister, as you would be aware, asked me two direct questions, so I assumed my responses were invited. You have made a different ruling and, having made that ruling, perhaps you might like to give the minister some advice on the questions she directs to me.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, your words may be clever. I understand, and I am sure everybody else in this place understands as well. I am not going to give the Minister for Police any directive as to how she might answer the question you have asked. That is all I am going to say at this point.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: In response to the member's question, as a former Minister for Police I am astonished that she would expect me to speak to a member of the police service, who is directly employed by the commissioner, about aspects to do with his employment. I deal with the Commissioner of Police; I speak to the commissioner about these matters. The aspects of the commissioner's reappointment are subject to the Department of the Premier and Cabinet. It will be a decision of the cabinet and Executive Council of government.