

POLICE — REGIONAL VACANCIES

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

I have a supplementary question. Has the minister had any representations from members of the National Party about the four locations that I mentioned or any other locations in National Party electorates that are short on police officers?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I could not have asked a better question myself. I am in regular dialogue with members of the National Party about all aspects of law and order and all matters to do with policing in regional areas. Obviously, the members of the National Party hold policing in their local precincts as a high priority.

Mr M.P. Murray interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Collie–Preston, have you finished?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The members of the National Party regularly communicate with me about areas of policing and law and order, which are a very high priority in regional areas, as they are in metropolitan electorates. I am in very close discussion with the Minister for Regional Development on the implementation of our regional incentives package. I will work with the minister as part of the budget process to ensure that we deliver that as a priority, as we will deliver all our election commitments around policing.