

POLICE — CRIME RATES — INCREASE

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

I have a supplementary question. If Frontline 2020 has not failed, why is the minister doing such a massive overhaul to the model she rolled out?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

Once again, the member for Midland has not paid attention to what the commissioner said about the change in the way the model is working.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: If the member for Midland listens for a minute, I will explain it to her because the commissioner was very clear: he is redirecting the efforts of the local policing teams towards the causes of volume crime.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: It's called changing the model.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: No it is not; it is directing the effort.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, member for West Swan and member for Armadale! I want a quick answer to this; I want to move on.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: The commissioner has said that because of the Frontline 2020 model, he can now redeploy all of his resources more effectively to focus on family and domestic violence, volume crime, home burglaries and motor vehicle theft. Those are the key areas in which we are seeing the increases in crime compared with those of last year. We will continue to focus that effort. The member for Girrawheen interjected about detective vacancies.

Ms M.M. Quirk: There are 47.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Yes, I know.

Ms M.M. Quirk interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: There are 47 detective vacancies —

The SPEAKER: Member for Girrawheen, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, quickly.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: There are 47 detective vacancies because we created 50 new positions. That is why there are vacancies and we are filling them from our Go program.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: That question is finished.