

BIKIE ANTI-ASSOCIATION LAWS

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

I have a supplementary question. What commitment, if any, has the government made to the National Anti-gang Taskforce?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

That is an interesting supplementary question because I would suggest that is a new question. That said — Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We have a number of arrangements with respect to managing and combating outlaw motorcycle gangs.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: To go through and unpick all of those arrangements in this place would contravene the operational sensitivity of some of those arrangements. As recently as this week, the Commissioner of Police, Dr Karl O’Callaghan, was in Melbourne talking specifically about these gang-related issues.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: What is your government’s commitment to the National Anti-gang Taskforce? That is what I am asking.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, can you wind this up, please.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: We have a range of commitments, and I would suggest that the member put that question on notice so I can detail the answer more effectively.

Mrs M.H. Roberts: Don’t you know the answer—whether you are involved in it or not?

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Settle down.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland, I call you to order for the second time.