

POLICE UNION — PROJECT RECOMPENSE REPORT

**394. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:**

I ask a supplementary question. Given that the report was released last year, why is not providing compensation for medically-retired police officers a priority for the minister's government?

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

I think that is a bit rich from the member for Midland when it was this government that actually brought in legislation to cover all the medical expenses for police officers who are injured on the job, for the duration of that injury-management process post-separation from police. We are the ones who introduced mandatory sentencing for people who assault police officers, we are the ones who introduced mandatory blood testing for people who bite and spit at police officers and we are the ones who committed to a 500 growth program in 2008 and a 550 growth program in 2013. So it is a bit rich. We are in consultation with police officers and the police union. I meet with the police union regularly, and it is aware of exactly where I stand on this issue, and this will be investigated as part of the Reform 2020 workforce optimisation tranche.