

MAIN ROADS WESTERN AUSTRALIA — CARRINGTON STREET–STIRLING HIGHWAY PROJECT

**173. Mrs L.M. HARVEY to the Minister for Transport:**

I have a supplementary question. How many more accidents have to occur on Leach Highway before the minister admits that cancelling Roe 8 was a mistake, and when will she announce a comprehensive plan to address the major safety and congestion issues in the southern suburbs?

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI replied:**

We know the member for Scarborough does not worry about road safety when she manipulated the road trauma trust fund to subsidise a rugby team. That is her commitment to road safety. On this issue I find the ambulance chasers on the other side deplorable. They are waiting for accidents. I tell the opposition that on any given day there are accidents throughout Western Australia and we do not want accidents.

**Dr M.D. Nahan** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Leader of the Opposition!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** Opposition members come in every day with accidents from particular areas and ignore all the other accidents as if they are not worthy of the opposition's attention. Every accident is worthy of our attention. We are committed to a strong road safety program headed by a minister who is actually interested in road safety and not in promoting a sporting team. That is a good thing for WA. Also, in relation to this, this question is from the previous minister who went in and backed up the former minister—remember when he drove through Subiaco, some would say?

*Point of Order*

**Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE:** Standing order 78 states an answer must be relevant to the question.

**The SPEAKER:** She was answering the criticism of the member for Scarborough.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The question is about road safety. The former Minister for Police went in to cover up what happened that night through Subiaco.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** Rubbish! Police investigated and he got charged!

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** We know what happened; you do not really care.

**The SPEAKER:** Minister, you will get to the point.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The defence from the member for Scarborough was that he was not charged. Maybe it is because she was the Minister for Police at the time.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** He was charged; he paid a fine.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Scarborough, I will give you a bit of leverage because the minister is having a go at you, but do not scream across the chamber, please. Minister, you will get to the end of your question.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The member for Scarborough says that because she was the Minister for Police at the time, he was not charged and it is all okay.

**Mrs L.M. Harvey:** He was charged.

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

*Point of Order*

**Mr D.C. NALDER:** Standing order section 78 states the answer must be relevant to the question. Going into the whole issue around the former member for Vasse, Troy Buswell, has no relevance to this question that has been put at all.

**The SPEAKER:** I think it has, because we are talking about road safety.

**Mr D.C. Nalder** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Bateman, do you disagree with my ruling?

**Mr D.C. Nalder:** Did I say something?

**The SPEAKER:** I call you to order, member for Bateman, for the first time. Minister, you will quickly fix it.

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** The member for Scarborough has no grounds on this issue. It is a desperate attempt, as I said, of ambulance chasing and wanting people to have accidents. What sort of sick and pathetic mind would want that?

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**The SPEAKER:** Minister, you will finish this up quick.

**Ms R. SAFFIOTI:** I do not know, but that is what this opposition wants.