

CRIME STATISTICS — PUBLICATION

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

I have a supplementary question. Will WA Police receive any extra money to, over time, fund and conduct Operation Sweep, or will it simply have to juggle its existing limited resources?

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

What an extraordinary question. From 2008 to 2013, we have increased the number of police by 500 additional police and police auxiliary officers. We are halfway through and well on target to complete our expansion of our police force by 550 police and police auxiliary officers, consistent with our 2013 election commitment. Contrary to what the member for Midland is saying, the Police budget has increased every single year since we have been in government—every single year. WA Police is not in any kind of financial crisis. We have introduced all the legislation it needs; we have given it additional tools —

Several members interjected.

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

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** We have changed the policing model and we are taking unprecedented steps in the area of crime prevention. Our record speaks for itself. The 10-year trend for crime in Western Australia is trending downwards across overall reported crime —

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the first time. Minister, wind it up, please.

**Mrs L.M. HARVEY:** The member for Midland knows it, and the proof will be in the pudding when we release the crime statistics for the first half of this year and completely refute the accusations she has made against the competency of our police force.

*Point of Order*

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** The Minister for Police said the full July crime statistics were on the website. I will give her the opportunity to correct the record if she likes.

**Mr C.J. Barnett:** Smart alec.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you very much. The member for Forrestfield has the call.

**Mrs M.H. ROBERTS:** It is the truth. She has misled the house again!

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Midland!

*Questions without Notice Resumed*

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Forrestfield.

**Ms M.M. Quirk** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Member for Girrawheen.

*Withdrawal of Remark*

**Ms M.M. QUIRK:** The Premier used an unparliamentary term.

**The SPEAKER:** I never heard the Premier say anything.

**Ms M.M. QUIRK:** He said “smart alec”.

Several members interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** Thank you. Member for Girrawheen, I will appoint you as a monitor; thank you very much.