

POLICE — OPERATION SWEEP — DETECTIVES

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

I have a supplementary question. Is Operation Sweep not just the same number of police officers logging in under a new label; and, if so, why should we not call it “Operation Spin” rather than Operation Sweep?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

The short answer is no. The member for Midland cannot resist bagging out the efforts of police officers. They are working harder than ever before. The Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner of Police assure me that they have all of the resources they require to respond to this. They have all the resources they need. We have another recruit graduation school coming through within the next couple of weeks and more police officers on the road. This is not a resourcing issue; the commissioner has reassured me of that. If he needs more resources, he knows he can come to the Liberal–National government and we will give it to him because we have got the record of delivering when the police need it.