

**SAFEWA APP — ACCESS — POLICE INVESTIGATION**

*Point of Order — Question without Notice 886*

**HON NICK GOIRAN (South Metropolitan)** [5.02 pm]: I seek your ruling on an answer provided during question time by the Minister for Mental Health representing the Minister for Police. The minister in his response referred me to standing order 104. Standing order 104 states, in part —

Questions may be asked of —

- (a) a Minister or Parliamentary Secretary relating to public affairs with which the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary is connected, to proceedings in the Council, or to any matter of administration for which the Minister or Parliamentary Secretary is responsible ...

The issue here is that I was seeking information that is in the knowledge of the Commissioner of Police. I was asking whether the Commissioner of Police raised the matter with the previous Minister for Police, not the current one. It appears that the Minister for Police has interpreted that as meaning that he cannot provide that information. If that were true, it would mean that we would be unable to ask any questions of any minister about historical matters that occurred prior to them taking that ministry. I seek your ruling on this and I appreciate that this may need to be provided on another occasion.

**The PRESIDENT:** Honourable member, I would need to review the question and the answer and your explanation of your understanding of standing order 104, in which case I will take it under advisement and provide a response or ruling to the chamber at a later date.