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WHEEL CLAMPING — CODE OF PRACTICE

86. Hon RICK MAZZA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I also add my congratulations to you, Madam President, on your appointment as President.

I refer to the code of practice developed by the parking industry and RACWA for the provision of wheel clamping in Western Australia, under which enforcement staff are required to hold a security officer's licence. The code of practice states that a service provider is required to operate under a contract that includes this code as part of the terms and conditions of the service provision, which includes pro forma signage and stickers, training and education.

- (1) Can the minister advise whether all wheel clamping operatives are licensed security officers?
- (2) Can the minister advise the level of oversight by Police Licensing Services for the conduct of wheel clampers?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I also congratulate you on your ascension, Madam President.

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police —

- (1) Western Australia Police do not license security officers as wheel clamping operatives and do not hold information on those security officers who conduct wheel clamping.
- (2) WA Police has no oversight of wheel clampers. Any complaints about the behaviour of a wheel clamper can be dealt with by their employer. Matters should be reported to WA Police only if a criminal offence occurs.