

POLICE — WORKING CONDITIONS

**611. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Police:**

I have a supplementary question. Just so I am clear, my question was: does the minister endorse the police commissioner's support for penalty rates, and does the minister support the police in their calls to establish a switch-off clause in their conditions?

**The SPEAKER:** I just have some advice. You repeated two questions there. A supplementary is an opportunity for a short, sharp, single question. I will ask the minister to respond.

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

Thanks, Speaker.

Police receive penalty rates now. I am not sure what part of the comments the commissioner may or may not have made the member is referring to. He is supportive of the police being paid more. As I said at the outset, that is the whole intent of the wages policy. They will be paid more. I support the police. I am always supporting the police, unlike many on the member's side of the house, who seem determined to constantly undermine the performance and command of the Western Australia Police Force, suggesting that somehow morale is down, when, quite clearly, police have every reason to be proud of the service that they deliver to the state.