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CRIME AND ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR — CARNARVON

407. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. What specific action has the minister taken since local governments, including the Shire of Carnarvon, across the north west met on 9 February to address specific solutions they have put forward, including increasing police services, more juvenile night programs and activities, and the establishment of a safe house in Carnarvon —

The SPEAKER: I think that concludes the supplementary.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: — for youth walking the streets at night —

The SPEAKER: Sorry, that is not a short and sharp question, Leader of the Opposition.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: — unable to return home to a safe location?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please! Leader of the Opposition, can I just caution you not to continue asking a question after I have started speaking, because that is absolutely out of order. You have attempted to ask a multiple-part question rather than a short, simple supplementary. You can ask multiple parts in the original question, but not in the supplementary. Minister, I will just note that it is a supplementary question. On that basis, and given the time, if you could just give us a very brief response.

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

Yes, thank you, Madam Speaker.

I can confirm that I met with the shire president, Eddie Smith, and representatives of the community post the meeting to which the member referred and I was briefed on their proposal. I can confirm that the Department of Communities has rolled out Target 120 in Carnarvon. I can confirm that there are more police there than there were under the former government's watch. In recent times, we have increased the number of police specifically to that district. I will not go into the subdistrict, but I can confirm that there are more police in that subdistrict now than there were under the former government's watch. I do not talk down the town of Carnarvon or the Western Australia Police Force, which is working to deliver good policing outcomes right across the state with better resources than the former government ever dreamed of delivering.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.