

POLICE — RECRUITMENT

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

I have a supplementary question.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition, can I ask you not to start until people are quiet.

Ms M.J. DAVIES: Minister, I did not get an answer to that question. It was very simple. Has the total number of police increased in net terms in 2022—yes or no?

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order, please. Based on your earlier answer, minister, I am expecting this to be a very short answer.

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

I said yes. I said yes before in the last answer. It was the first thing I said—yes, it has. As I said, it was the first thing I said when I stood up. Yes, the number has increased. Yes, there are more police than ever before in Western Australia's history. Yes, they are better equipped. Yes, they are as well led as, if not better led than, at any time in history. I am very proud of the Western Australia Police Force. We are recruiting more all the time. I am going to graduation tomorrow night, when I think 59 officers will be graduating.

The SPEAKER: Members, that concludes question time.