

POLICE — ARMADALE — 24/7 PUBLIC ACCESS STATION

14. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. Does the minister believe that, in spite of repeated calls from local Armadale business operators for an increase in police presence in the Armadale CBD, it is sufficient that the local policing team operates in the Armadale CBD for just four 10-hour shifts a week?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

It is a completely different question from the first question.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I call you to order for the second time.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Members!

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: In response to the local policing team's engagement with the Armadale business community, foot patrols were initiated in the Armadale CBD. I believe that they have been very effective. I expect that they will continue to liaise with the business owners and work on improving the policing model to ensure that they can drive down crime in Armadale. It is important to us; it is important to the local policing teams; and I will leave it up to that local policing team and the officer in charge to tell me what they need in the CBD with the business owners who they liaise with.