

POLICE — ARMADALE

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

I have a supplementary question. Given that there is such an overwhelming need for increased policing in Armadale and surrounding areas, what plans does the minister have to ensure that there is not a return to the high crime rate in Armadale and lengthy wait times for police attendance —

Point of Order

Mr T.R. BUSWELL: I am reflecting my understanding of supplementary questions as provided for under standing orders, and this most certainly does not appear to be one.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, carry on.

Questions without Notice Resumed

Dr A.D. BUTI: I will repeat the question. Given that there is such an overwhelming need for increased policing in Armadale and surrounding areas, what plans does the minister have to ensure that there is not a return to the high crime rate in Armadale and lengthy wait times for police attendance once Operation Carambola winds up?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

I am very pleased that the member has mentioned Operation Carambola, because directly in response to representations to me at the community forums that I have attended in Armadale in the past, I put to police that they needed to put a better effort into Armadale. More police officers have been put into Armadale Police Station, which operates 24 hours a day.

Dr A.D. Buti: For three months.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: There is policing out of Armadale Police Station 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Dr A.D. Buti: What are you going to do after three months?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: Additional officers are operating on roster out of Armadale Police Station. In addition, we have put an escalated police presence into Armadale precinct through Operation Carambola. Up to 48 officers will be stationed in and around Armadale to respond to calls from the community. Some of those officers will be present at the community forum that I will attend with the Commissioner of Police to ensure that people's concerns about their streets can be brought to the attention of the police officers who are able to action a response.

Dr A.D. Buti: What are you going to do after three months?

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I now call you to order for the third time. I know you are passionate about this. Minister, if you intend to answer the question that the member for Armadale has asked, answer it; otherwise, can you please wind up.

Mrs L.M. HARVEY: This government has committed to 550 additional police officers and a \$67 million program to allow for upgrades to accommodation for police officers specifically in the metropolitan locations where they will be required. I would like to put on the record that members opposite did not put one cent towards Armadale Police Station.

Dr A.D. Buti: What are you going to do in Armadale after three months?

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I have called you three times, and you know what happens after three times. Minister, if you are prepared to answer the question that the member for Armadale has asked, answer it; otherwise, wind up your answer.

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale!

Dr A.D. Buti interjected.

Suspension of Member

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale, I am going to read standing order 48 —

A member whose conduct has made it necessary for the Speaker to formally call that member to order more than three times in the course of one sitting for a significant breach of the rules may, by order and at the discretion of the Speaker, be suspended from the service of the Assembly until the adjournment of that sitting.

Can you please leave the chamber.

Dr A.D. Buti: You have no interest in Armadale. You're a disgrace, minister!

The SPEAKER: Member for Armadale!

[The member for Armadale left the chamber.]

Mr P.C. Tinley interjected.

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