

POLICE — DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

984. Dr A.D. BUTI to the Acting Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. What are the government's plans to try to reduce the unacceptably high level of domestic violence in Western Australia; and, when will the government implement its election promise to monitor repeat domestic violence offenders with GPS tracking?

Mr J.H.D. DAY replied:

This is not an issue that has been raised with me specifically in the last two or three months. I will seek information on it, but the government certainly takes the issue of domestic violence very seriously.

Mrs M.H. Roberts interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Midland!

Mr J.H.D. DAY: This was a significant issue when I was Minister for Police in a full-time role, going back quite some years. It still is and I have no doubt that WA Police is putting a major effort into it. In fact, I know from anecdotal information and conversations that this is an issue that WA Police not only takes seriously, but also spends a lot of time responding to. I will seek further information about the specifics of the issue that the member raised.