

MINISTER FOR POLICE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES, RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO
LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION

259. Mr P.D. OMODEI to the Minister for Police and Emergency Services:

I have a supplementary question. Is it not true that, at the time the minister released this information, not even the police commissioner, let alone the minister, had received the advice, given that he did not even request it until late that evening?

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS replied:

I have never suggested otherwise. When I released that figure it followed the Leader of the Opposition's release of another figure that he claimed was the correct figure, so I corrected that on radio. No, I had not sought advice beforehand. I did not claim that I had sought advice.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: Order!

Mrs M.H. ROBERTS: Afterwards, on, I think, Tuesday morning, *The West Australian* ran an article in which reference was made to section 83 of the Police Act. I understand that the commissioner sought advice after that and subsequently gave the advice to me.