

CRIME — CARNARVON

80. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Minister for Police:

I have a supplementary question. Who should we believe about crime—the community that experiences and witnesses the crime or the minister’s colleague’s questionable assertions?

Mr P. PAPALIA replied:

I do not know what the member is trying to say. It is very difficult to discern.

Ms R. Saffioti: It’s a cryptic crossword.

Mr P. PAPALIA: Yes, it is cryptic.

The SPEAKER: The call has been given to the Minister for Police to respond.

Mr P. PAPALIA: That is right. The member would be the winner of the cryptic crossword in *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

I have no idea what the member is getting at. I do know that the police are doing a wonderful job in Carnarvon, as are other agencies trying their hardest. It is really unfair that public servants doing a tough job are consistently undermined by the Liberal Party of Western Australia and the Nationals WA, too, in the region. I do know that there have been some requests from police in Carnarvon specifically around destocking of glass bottles, which, despite claims in the paper, has not been done, and also liquor restrictions. They viewed that as something that would be valuable and assist greatly in tackling some of the challenges they confront. I expect they were heard by a lot of people.