

CORONAVIRUS — ANTIVIRAL DRUGS

438. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the Minister for Medical Research:

I refer to information received about a special antiviral drug given only to unvaccinated patients with COVID-19 in a COVID-19 ward at one of WA's hospitals, which is apparently paid for by the state government.

- (1) Is this a medical research trial funded by the state government?
- (2) What medication/s are being used and from where are they being sourced?
- (3) Who is conducting the trial?
- (4) How much money has been spent to date to purchase the medication/s and when will the trial be complete?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I provide this answer as the Minister for Medical Research.

- (1)–(4) Antiviral drugs are currently available to eligible COVID-positive people whether they are hospital inpatients or isolating within their home environment. It is not clear what “special antiviral drug” or which hospital is being referred to. If the honourable member has a more specific question, I will endeavour to provide an answer.