

CORONAVIRUS — TRANSPORT, FREIGHT AND LOGISTICS DIRECTIONS (NO 4)

676. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No 4).

- (1) At what time and date were the local governments of Kalgoorlie–Boulder, Esperance and Wyndham–East Kimberley officially notified of the direction?
- (2) For those drivers who receive a non-negative result after a rapid antigen test undertaken when entering into Western Australia and are directed to either Esperance, Kalgoorlie–Boulder or Kununurra —
 - (a) how will they be required to isolate;
 - (b) what risk assessment was undertaken to determine the level of isolation; and
 - (c) what arrangements have been put in place to accommodate the drivers and their trucks during the isolation period?
- (3) What course of action will be taken in the event that a truck driver subsequently tests positive following a PCR test in Esperance, Kalgoorlie–Boulder or Kununurra?
- (4) How many additional police and health personnel have been deployed in Esperance, Kalgoorlie–Boulder or Kununurra to deal with the isolation, testing and potential positive cases?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police.

The Western Australia Police Force advises —

- (1) On 3 September 2021, it was announced that truck drivers entering Western Australia from a high or extreme risk COVID-19 location will be required to submit to rapid antigen testing unless they have returned a negative test result in the prior 72 hours or be refused entry at the border. The Transport, Freight and Logistics Directions (No. 4) was published by the Department of the Premier and Cabinet prior to implementation on 8 September 2021.
- (2) Transport, freight and logistics drivers who receive a non-negative result from a rapid antigen test will be directed to attend a hospital to present for a COVID-19 test. Once at the hospital, they are to remain in their vehicle and contact the Department of Health and a relevant health officer will give them directions on isolation and testing.
- (3) Isolation requirements after testing are managed by the Department of Health.
- (4) The Western Australia Police Force deploys staff to the Eucla and Kununurra borders on a rotational basis. The management of testing is the responsibility of the Department of Health.