

CORONAVIRUS — INTERSTATE BORDER RESTRICTIONS

**764. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the minister representing the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the minister's answer yesterday to my question without notice 744.

- (1) Given all applications to enter the state are lodged electronically or via email application, why is there not a centralised, comprehensive list of the categories as to why people are entering the state?
- (2) Why does the government's current recording system not capture this level of detail?
- (3) How was the minister able to determine that the "majority of exemptions related to WA-resident domestic flight crews", a "number of those exempt from quarantine were essential specialist workers" or "commonwealth officials" if the government does not keep a record of these reasons, as stated yesterday?
- (4) How is the government able to determine the validity of the reasons for those who are coming over the border and why, if they are not keeping a centralised record of the reasons for people being here?
  - (a) If they are, can the minister please table that list?
- (5) How many people being quarantined have been granted an exemption and are allowed to leave their hotel room for what is deemed essential work purposes?
  - (a) If the government does not have this data, why not?
- (6) How can the government claim to be effectively keeping track of those entering the state without having collected this kind of essential data?

**The PRESIDENT:** That was a very long question, member.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

Madam President is indeed correct; it is an eight-part question that could perhaps be more appropriately answered through questions on notice in future.

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

The Western Australia Police Force advises that its system has not been established to capture and collate the level of detail sought. Further, for police to provide the available information, it would require the diversion of police resources to manually collate details. If the honourable member places the question on notice, the Western Australia Police Force will identify what information can reasonably be provided without detracting from the police response to the COVID-19 pandemic.