

SAFEWA APP — COMPLIANCE

826. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I ask this question on behalf of Hon Martin Aldridge, who is away on urgent parliamentary business.

I refer to a report from ABC News on 9 October 2021 showing that usage of the SafeWA app has plummeted from a high of around 19 million check-ins per week to fewer than 10 million check-ins per week.

- (1) Is the use of the SafeWA app still mandatory; and, if so, how is the government ensuring compliance?
- (2) What measures is the state government taking to address the potential risk of a COVID-19 outbreak, given the complacency around the SafeWA app?
- (3) How many weekly check-ins on the SafeWA app occurred in the week of 7 to 13 June?
- (4) How many weekly check-ins on the SafeWA app occurred for the most recent week on record?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. I provide this answer on behalf of the Minister for Mental Health.

- (1) Yes; use is mandated by the Contact Register Directions issued by the State Emergency Controller under the Emergency Management Act 2005. Authorised officers may inspect premises to monitor compliance with contact register requirements.
- (2) The government continues to require use of the app and encourages this through communications. WA remains in a state of emergency and the government has multiple measures in place to help keep WA safe. The potential risk of a COVID-19 outbreak is addressed through multiple public health outbreak management strategies, including the COVID-19 vaccination program, travel and border restrictions, testing and quarantine requirements, use of COVID safety plans and guidelines, outbreak management and response plans, and the use of the SafeWA app and contact registers.
- (3) There were 9 442 653 check-ins.
- (4) From 6 to 12 October 2021, there were 8 787 146 check-ins.