

CORONAVIRUS — INTERSTATE BORDER RESTRICTIONS

618. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

Can the minister please provide the specific health advice he has received from the state's Chief Health Officer that recommends he not reopen the WA borders in a staged manner, starting with South Australia and the Northern Territory?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

The Chief Health Officer has advised that the border closures that are currently in place, which include the closure of borders with South Australia and the Northern Territory, should be maintained in order to limit the risk that COVID-19 will be reintroduced into the Western Australian community, and to operate as a significant control of the potential transmission of COVID-19 at a time when the state is easing restrictions and assessing the impact on the potential spread of the virus.