

CORONAVIRUS — ROAD MAP

872. Hon COLIN TINCKNELL to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

Further to the answer to question without notice 850 asked yesterday, can the Premier please advise the following.

- (1) What lockdowns, restrictions and/or curfews has the Chief Medical Officer advised should be implemented if Western Australia records a statewide daily average of five new COVID-19 cases over 14 days?
- (2) If the CMO has not provided specific advice as to what would cause WA to go into lockdown, will the Premier seek it?
- (3) Does the Premier think that this advice should be sought from the CMO in advance of a potential COVID-19 outbreak?
- (4) If no to (3), at what point would the Premier think it is suitable to seek such advice?
- (5) Is the Premier waiting to test the political wind at the time of a potential COVID-19 outbreak before revealing what advice the Chief Medical Officer has given?

The PRESIDENT: Minister, I think that last part of the question might have been seeking an opinion.

Hon Sue Ellery: Parts (3) and (4) are seeking an opinion.

The PRESIDENT: I made reference to that yesterday and told members to take note of that before putting in questions today.

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

Thank you, Madam President. I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The Chief Health Officer has not provided specific advice on a suggested course of action based on the parameters outlined in the question.
- (2) It is unclear what the honourable member means by the term “lockdown”. This term has been used in other jurisdictions to mean different things. It is not a term that has been used in Western Australia.
- (3)–(4) Under standing order 105(1)(b), questions in this place may not seek an opinion.
- (5) The Premier rejects the premise of the question.