

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATION PLAN — REGIONS

884. 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 the media statement dated 24 October titled “More COVID-19 vaccination clinics popping up across WA”, the commonwealth’s local government area and SA4 geographic area data released on 25 October, and question without notice 817 asked in this place on 14 October by Hon Colin de Grussa.

- (1) Given that the most recent commonwealth data has identified communities in the goldfields, the Pilbara and the Kimberley as having some of the lowest vaccination rates in Australia, when will the state government establish permanent community vaccination clinics in these regions?
- (2) Noting the state government’s \$5.8 billion budget surplus, what additional measures or incentives is the state government considering to ensure that regional communities have access to vaccination in a timely manner?
- (3) Has the commonwealth responded to WA Health’s request for increased access to information about vaccination rates in remote communities, particularly those that are not identified in the SA4 data; and, if so, please table the response?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank Hon Martin Aldridge for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Minister for Health.

It is not possible to provide the requested information in the time required. I, therefore, ask the honourable member to place this question on notice.