Extract from Hansard

[COUNCIL — Thursday, 24 February 2022] p637c-637c Hon Dr Steve Thomas

CORONAVIRUS — OMICRON VARIANT — GOVERNMENT PREPAREDNESS

Notice of Motion

HON DR STEVE THOMAS (South West — **Leader of the Opposition)** gave notice that at the next sitting of the house he would move —

That this house —

- (a) notes this state's lack of preparedness for the inevitable outbreak of COVID-19 in 2022 and the spread of the Omicron strain;
- (b) notes the constant changing of the state's COVID-19 rules by the state government and that the lack of consistency is damaging to the business community in particular;
- (c) notes the lack of openness and accountability of the government in making these changes, including not making the information used to make the decisions and thresholds and trigger points freely available;
- (d) notes that this arrogant willingness to keep the community in the dark is unnecessary and unjustified, as the vast majority of the community is mature enough to assess the situation rationally; and
- (e) calls on the McGowan government to stop treating the Western Australian community with contempt and provide them with consistent, clear and manageable rules for COVID-19 and release all supporting data and information used to justify them and all thresholds for future actions.