

CORONAVIRUS — STATE OF EMERGENCY

**699. Hon Dr BRIAN WALKER to the Minister for Emergency Services:**

I refer the minister to the response provided to my colleague Hon Sophia Moermond's question yesterday about the Premier's portfolio responsibilities and also to the story in today's *The West Australian* suggesting that —

Mark McGowan has signalled WA's state of emergency declaration ... could come to an end ...

- (1) Am I correct in thinking that it is the Minister for Emergency Services rather than the Premier who has the authority to extend, or to choose not to extend, the state of emergency on a fortnightly basis based upon briefings and advice received from the State Emergency Coordinator?
- (2) Has the minister received any briefings from the State Emergency Coordinator since he last extended the state of emergency suggesting that it was no longer necessary; and, if so, has he in turn briefed the Premier to that effect?
- (3) Is this a case of the Premier doing a "Morrison" and inserting himself into a legislative decision-making process that is rightly the purview of the minister?

**The PRESIDENT:** Before I give you the call, minister, I will point out standing order 105 in relation to length of question. This is not the first time that this has been pointed out.

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1) Yes.
- (2) No. The Premier receives his own briefings from the State Emergency Coordinator.
- (3) No.