POLICE — G2G NOW

865.   Hon NICK GOIRAN to the minister representing the Minister for Police:

I refer to the article in *The Australian* on 10 October 2021 entitled "Facial recognition for home quarantine a 'recipe for disaster'", which asserts that Western Australia is using home quarantine apps with facial recognition technology.

(1)   How many home quarantine apps are being used in our state?

(2)   How many use facial recognition technology?

(3)   Is the minister aware of the discussion paper released last month by the Australia Institute's Centre for Responsible Technology that opposes the use of facial recognition technology for home quarantine and general pandemic monitoring "with the technology proving to have systemic weaknesses and limitations, including errors in identifying female faces and people of colour, and risks of privacy and ethical abuses"?

(4)   Which of the discussion paper's four recommendations does the government intend to implement?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following information has been provided to me by the Minister for Police. The Western Australia Police Force advises —

(1)   The G2G systems are used in Western Australia.

(2)   The G2G Now application uses facial recognition technology.

(3)   No.

(4)   Not applicable.