

EMERGENCY SERVICES — PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

487. Mr S.K. L'ESTRANGE to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I have a supplementary question. Given the minister's answer that things are under control with regard to personal protective equipment and, no doubt, resources, does he think that we still need to be under a state of emergency?

Mr F.M. LOGAN replied:

The answer is yes, absolutely. Of course, the State Emergency Coordinator, who is also the Commissioner of Police, provides his advice to me, as the minister, on why a state of emergency should be continued. The Minister for Health, the Chief Health Officer and the director general of the Department of Health also provide arguments and reasons why the state of emergency should continue. At this point in time, it should absolutely be continued. The border restrictions are a classic example why a state of emergency is in place. As the member pointed out right now, there is always the possibility of another outbreak in Western Australia. COVID-19 has not gone away, as we have seen in Victoria.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: Will you have a state of emergency for the foreseeable future?

Mr F.M. LOGAN: We will be under a state of emergency for the foreseeable future.

Mr S.K. L'Estrange: How long?

Mr F.M. LOGAN: To answer the member for Churchlands' interjection, that will be up to the advice that I receive from the people who I have already indicated provide that professional advice to me.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time.