

CORONAVIRUS — HIGH CASE LOAD ENVIRONMENT

71. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the Premier’s media release of Monday, 28 February that announced the online registration process for critical workers and identified the rules for workers who meet critical criteria for when “WA reaches a very high case load environment.”

- (1) What is the definition of a “very high case load environment”?
- (2) How many cases of COVID-19 per day or per week will be considered a very high case load environment?
- (3) If the Premier will not identify the specific parameters of a very high case load environment, why not?
- (4) Does the government not trust the Western Australian community with the definition of a very high case load environment?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The very high case load environment is a trigger for considering the activation of additional measures to manage the transmission of COVID-19 in the community. This is a decision that will be based on health advice at the appropriate time.