

CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY

1050. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the government's announcement on 5 November of a plan to have a plan for the opening of the state from COVID-19 restrictions called *WA's safe transition plan*, and to answers to questions without notice 896 and 934 about mandatory vaccinations.

- (1) How many tier 3 workers have refused to be vaccinated by today's cut-off?
- (2) What proportion or percentage of tier 3 workers are unvaccinated today?
- (3) How many tier 3 workers were made unemployed today?
- (4) Who is measuring the number of unvaccinated workers; and what monitoring regime has the government put in place to ensure that employers have no unvaccinated staff?
- (5) Given that the Chief Health Officer issued the public health order mandating vaccination, and the police are on record as saying that compliance is not a police responsibility, is the Chief Health Officer ultimately responsible for compliance with his order?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) I reject the premise of the question. *WA's safe transition plan* does not relate to mandatory vaccination requirements as referred to in questions without notice 896 and 934. I assume that the honourable member is referring to Western Australia's mandatory vaccination policy. The mandatory vaccination policy does not make any reference to tier 3 workers.
- (4) Each employer or person in charge of a workplace must ensure that employees are vaccinated or exempt from vaccination. Employees are required to comply with the direction to provide evidence to an employer of their vaccination status and not to enter or work at a location if unvaccinated. Employers will be required to keep records of staff vaccination status and ensure unvaccinated staff are not permitted to work.
- (5) I reject the premise of the question.