

CORONAVIRUS — BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGES

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

I refer to the Premier's drip-feed announcement on 4 March 2022 that he will be changing the qualifying period by two weeks for the level 1 and level 2 business support packages.

- (1) Will the Premier undertake to compare a business's pre-COVID turnover to its lockdown turnover for assessment in support package eligibility?
- (2) Will the Premier now commit to the fair and sensible measure to allow businesses to compare the average of their 2018 and 2019 turnovers to their lockdown turnovers to accurately reflect the genuine impact of the government's imposed restrictions?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(3) The support packages are designed to assist businesses with the level 1 and level 2 restrictions announced on 18 February 2022 and 28 February 2022 respectively.