CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATION — THIRD DOSE

72. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to answers to questions without notice 1072 and 1151 last year confirming that the Department of Health is responsible for compliance and to the answer to question without notice 14 answered last week on 16 February.

- (1) Which key agencies at the federal and state levels is the Department of Health working with to carry out investigations into compliance issues as per the Premier's answer to part (2) of question without notice 14?
- (2) Has the Department of Health conducted any compliance-based activities with Western Australian businesses; and, if so, how many?
- (3) Has the Department of Health asked or instructed the WA Police Force to conduct any compliance-based activities with any Western Australian businesses; and, if so, how many?
- (4) Did the Department of Health have any involvement in, or prior knowledge of, the much publicised police actions at St Bernadette's church in Glendalough or Topolinis Caffé in Warwick; and, if so, what involvement or advanced notice did the police have?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) The Department of Health is working with the following key agencies to carry out investigations in relation to noncompliance with vaccine mandates under the Public Health Act 2016: the WA Police Force, the Australian government's Department of Health, the National COVID Vaccine Taskforce and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.
- (2) The Department of Health is currently investigating over 30 reported business-related noncompliance issues reported by members of the public and referrals from the WA Police Force.
- (3) The Department of Health has formally instructed the WA Police Force to conduct compliance-based activities at one venue.
- (4) No.