

CORONAVIRUS — SMALL BUSINESS — LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

**557. Hon Dr STEVE THOMAS to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Small Business:**

- (1) Are small businesses in Western Australia required to provide a COVID-free environment to staff, clients and customers?
- (2) If yes to (1), what risks or penalties are small businesses faced with if they fail to do so?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?
- (4) Are WA small businesses covered under state industrial relations legislation legally able to require small business employees to be vaccinated?
- (5) Are WA small businesses governed by state trading legislation able to refuse entry to COVID-unvaccinated clients and customers?

**Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:**

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following response on behalf of the Minister for Small Business.

- (1)–(5) These matters call for legal interpretation or opinion. The member is referred to standing order 105(1)(b).