

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATIONS — BORDER RESTRICTIONS

**498. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:**

I have a supplementary question. Has any jurisdiction in the world reached 90 per cent vaccination, and does the minister have evidence that that rate is achievable in Western Australia; and, if so, will he table the advice that has been provided on that basis?

**Ms R. Saffioti** interjected.

**The SPEAKER:** The Minister for Health—not transport, health.

**Mr R.H. COOK replied:**

Madam Speaker, there are some great examples of countries and jurisdictions that have done a great job of immunising their community, such as Israel. There are also some examples of jurisdictions that have absolutely failed their people, such as the Brazilian government and the New South Wales government. So, yes, there are examples of countries that have got up to around a 90 per cent vaccination rate. One of those is Israel. Israel continues to have disease and continues to have death and it continues to have public health social measures. Those are all the issues that we need to consider. Israel has a very high level of vaccination, but it still has lots of precautions and deliberate public health social measures to keep its people safe. In Western Australia, the fortunate nature of our geographical positioning means that we can keep people safe with strong borders, we can keep people in work, we can keep our economy growing and we can stop people dying. That is what the Premier is trying to achieve.