

CORONAVIRUS — INTERSTATE AND INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS —
SPENCER FAMILY

982. Hon RICK MAZZA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer to the open letter on page 48 of today's *The West Australian* titled "My country's abandoned me" by Stephen Spencer, a two-time Afghanistan and East Timor war veteran, stranded with his family in Abu Dhabi.

- (1) Did the Premier receive correspondence from Mr Spencer in relation to his circumstances in Abu Dhabi?
- (2) If yes to (1), what action has the Premier taken to facilitate the return of Mr Spencer and his family to Western Australia?
- (3) What actions is the Premier taking and what submissions is he making to facilitate the return of Western Australians stranded overseas?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(3) The Premier has received correspondence from Mr Spencer's family. As per previous practice, the Premier will not discuss individual cases. The state government has agreed to increase in a staged way the number of Australians returning to Western Australia by another 500 per week.