

POLICE — G2G PASS DATA

590. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Is it not true that with the numbers in Parliament the way they are at the moment, the Premier could have changed the length of the period that data was retained and destroyed it?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Now the Leader of the Opposition is saying that we should use our numbers to change the law in relation to this matter, but when we use the government's mandate to put in place things that are obviously of significance and far more important, the opposition opposes them. At the moment, we are passing laws to step down the COVID rules, as the opposition requested, and it is opposing them. Members opposite are joining all those people—that crowd—out the front who are screaming, yelling and running around with their flags upside down like I do not know what! The Liberal Party and the Nationals WA are joining them in opposing these laws. When we brought in that legislation, in accordance with their request, they opposed it. Now they are saying that we should change the law so that we destroy information. That is what members opposite are suggesting—the government should destroy information. If we were to do that, members of the opposition would come in here and say that somehow we are trying to hide things. That is what they would do because that is their nature. It does not matter what we do, they will find a way of objecting to it. The reality is that the laws exist. We are complying with the existing laws. If we were to do what the opposition is suggesting, it would come in and oppose it because that is its nature and that is its record.

The SPEAKER: The Leader of the Liberal Party with the last question.