

EMERGENCY SERVICES — STATE OF EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

570. Hon Tjorn Sibma to the Minister for Emergency Services:

For the period 1 March 2020, until the present time, will the Minister please provide:

- (a) the number of occasions the Minister responsible for Emergency Services received written advice recommending the declaration of a ‘state of emergency’ enabled under Section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005*; and
- (b) copies of that written advice?

Hon Stephen Dawson replied:

- (a) The Minister for Emergency Services is able to declare a ‘state of emergency’ under section 56 of the *Emergency Management Act 2005* on the advice of the State Emergency Coordinator (Commissioner of Police). The advice I have received from the State Emergency Coordinator is delivered verbally at a fortnightly briefing.
- (b) Not applicable.