

CORONAVIRUS — STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier explain what element of the pandemic cannot be managed under the Public Health Act 2016?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The person we rely upon to be the emergency coordinator is the Commissioner of Police. Chris Dawson and now Commissioner Col Blanch have done an outstanding job as the State Emergency Coordinator. That position provides for the mobilisation of more resources across the public sector in my view. Our police and health workforce, in fact our entire workforce, including the private sector and, indeed, the whole of the general community, have done a wonderful job over the course of the last two and a half years, producing the best outcomes of anywhere in the entire world, which is really quite something. Under the existing laws, the mobilisation of those resources has been the Emergency Management Act, which has allowed for the appointment of the Commissioner of Police to undertake those roles.