

CORONAVIRUS — COLLIE

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

Thank you, minister. I have a supplementary question. What communication occurred and what offer of additional resources have been made to the local community, including the local government and hospital, given that there will be serious concerns in that community? From past experience, there always has been an influx of queries while they try to carry out their very important work in both those workplaces.

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

We would already have made sure that we had stepped up our testing capacity at Collie Hospital to make sure that if there was an influx of people who were anxious and were getting themselves tested that we were on top of that. We would also have provided information to all the major stakeholders.

At this stage, I stress that it is an equivocal positive—a weak positive. From that point of view, we do not hold grave concerns about the outcome of this, but we are taking a precautionous approach by testing the gentleman, isolating anyone associated with him and making sure that we undertake extra testing to get a much clearer picture of the situation.