

QUARANTINE ADVISORY PANEL

79. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

I note that some notice has been given of this question.

I refer to yesterday's news that the Quarantine Advisory Panel has finally been established more than 60 days after Professor Weeramanthri recommended it.

- (1) Who is the chair of the advisory panel?
- (2) Who will be on the advisory panel?
- (3) What are its terms of reference?
- (4) How often will the panel meet and report to the minister?
- (5) Will the panel's progress on ensuring the implementation of improvements to the hotel quarantine system be published?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

- (1)–(5) I thank the member for some notice of this question. I am in a position to advise that the composition of the panel is being finalised in these coming days. The panel will comprise a senior personnel from key government agencies and independent experts. The Department of Health is in the process of finalising the terms of reference. The matters referred to in parts (4) and (5) of how often the panel will report to the minister and whether the panel's progress in ensuring the implementations of improvements to the hotel quarantine system will be published will be outlined in the final terms of reference.