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SAFEWA APP — ACCESS

277. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's concerning revelation that SafeWA app check-in data can presently be accessed by the Corruption and Crime Commission and by individuals making freedom-of-information applications.

- (1) Has the CCC or any government agency or statutory authority other than WA Police sought access to contact tracing data at any time since the launch of the SafeWA app; and, if so, for what purpose?
- (2) If yes to (1), was access granted or in the process of being granted prior to the introduction yesterday of the Protection of Information (Entry Registration Information Relating to COVID-19 and Other Infectious Diseases) Bill 2021?
- (3) Has any private citizen sought access to contact tracing data via freedom-of-information applications at any time since the launch of the SafeWA app; and, if so, for what purpose?
- (4) If yes to (3), how many applications have been made, and has access to this information been provided in whole or in part prior to the aforementioned bill's introduction?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1) No.
- (2) Not applicable.
- No. If such an application were made, even without the proposed legislation, the request would be refused under the grounds available in the Freedom of Information Act.
- (4) Not applicable.