

CORONAVIRUS — TESTING — HOTEL QUARANTINE

**231. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I have two supplementary questions. Can the Premier advise the house when the day 17 testing will come into play, and can the Premier confirm that he is unaware that it took 22 days, or a month, to enact the announcement that he made on 16 May?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

No, I cannot confirm that. I do not have the exact dates in my head, is what I said to the member. The day 17 testing for people who are in rooms adjacent to a positive case will start as soon as it can be implemented. We are going to put that in place basically immediately. It may take a few days to put in place. Currently, we have two positive cases in hotel quarantine in Western Australia. It will not be difficult to implement, but it will require someone, when they leave hotel quarantine, to go back and get tested afterwards.

I note that the opposition, once again, is criticising and undermining our efforts. That has been the course over the last 18 months. It has criticised and undermined all our efforts in regard to COVID. That is exactly like when the opposition joined Clive Palmer. I note that your friend Clive Palmer is over there now in the High Court crying because he cannot take the people of Western Australia for \$30 billion. I am so sad for Clive Palmer that he cannot take our state for \$30 billion and that we are going to stop him. But one thing I do know is that he will always be on the side of the Liberals and Nationals.