

CORONAVIRUS — EXPOSURE SITES

286. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to WA Health deciding against the publishing of the list of COVID exposure sites except for major outbreak venues and superspreader events.

- (1) As the decision was made “due to widespread transmission of COVID-19 throughout metropolitan and regional Western Australia”, are we in the endemic phase of the virus?
- (2) What are the thresholds for WA Health to determine that a major outbreak or superspreader event has occurred?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) No.
- (2) WA Health is currently working on updating its processes to use SafeWA QR data to determine exposure sites of significant concern. These might be locations where, during a specific time, more cases are detected who were likely infectious at that time or may have been exposed at that time, than one would expect from the current background rate of transmission in the community.