

CORONAVIRUS — HOTEL QUARANTINE

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

I have a supplementary question. When did the government start doing the work to investigate other potential hotels to be used? When did the government commission and start that work?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

As the member would be aware, we have a quarantine advisory panel, which at all times has been undertaking an ongoing quality assurance and improvement process. That panel keeps us advised and apprised of any developments about how we can improve what we are doing. This is going on around the country as states share information with each other. We are particularly informed by the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee, which is the national body of all the Chief Health Officers, and we continue to be advised about different work that is going on. We have not commissioned specific work, but we are continuing to make sure that we are aware of what new opportunities exist for us. We will not use any hotel that is not safe and we will not use hotels that do not meet our high level of quality and safety to ensure that we do not put any of our passengers and, more importantly, the staff and members of the WA public at risk.