

CORONAVIRUS — RESTRICTIONS

53. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Why did it take the Premier five days to release the Omicron modelling after making the announcement to reopen the borders that he based on that data?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

I received the advice this morning, so we have released the advice. That is what we have done. This is the first parliamentary sitting day. Being accountable to Parliament is actually important, so we have released it here in Parliament. I think it has been published on the Health website or some other website today already. That is what has occurred.

The opposition is always looking for things to criticise. It is always looking for things to undermine. It never stops. It has jumped on the anti-mandate bandwagon now. It has jumped on the anti-vax bandwagon. It has undermined our efforts in relation to borders.

Dr D.J. Honey interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: You are! You are out there joining with these people out there marching around, screaming and yelling, coming up with all sorts of conspiracy theories. The opposition is out there backing them now.

Several members interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Members!

Mr M. McGOWAN: You have no principles.

Ms L. Mettam interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Deputy Leader of the Liberal Party!

Mr M. McGOWAN: The whole way through this extraordinary set of events, which we have been through over the last two years, all the opposition has done is criticise and undermine. I compare you with an actual quality opposition, which is the South Australian opposition, who did not do that. It actually said to the people of South Australia, “We want to be constructive and work with the government.” What did you do? All you did and all you continue to do is undermine and criticise, and you go so far as to join the anti-vax and anti-mandate crowd who are out there making threats and intimidation. That is what you do. You, the Liberal and Nationals WA opposition, are a disgrace to this state the way you act!