

CORONAVIRUS — PREMIER — QUARANTINE

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

I have a supplementary question. Will the Premier be quarantining at a designated quarantine hotel, taking the place of a returning resident for the sake of a political stunt?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

The answer to that is no. I will be renting some sort of premises somewhere in order to do so, as many people do. Just so members know, our quarantine hotels have quite low occupancy now, so we do have a large number of spare rooms in our hotel quarantine because, obviously, our arrangements are rapidly changing. We will soon have relatively free—in fact, almost completely free—international travel, and the only people required to go into hotel quarantine will be those returning Australian travellers from overseas who are unvaccinated. Therefore, the answer to the member's question is no. I do not quite understand the point that she is trying to make. I do not understand her point.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

Mr M. McGOWAN: Had I done the opposite—no; let me finish—had I not done quarantine, you would be in here attacking me for that. By doing quarantine, you are in here attacking me for that, so I cannot win.

Ms M.J. Davies interjected.

The DEPUTY SPEAKER: Leader of the Opposition!

Mr M. McGOWAN: I think the vast majority of people would understand that no matter what I did, the Liberals and Nationals would attack me. That is the reality; I accept that that is the way you operate. But I think that, sometimes, maybe you should pull back on some of these questions and think before you ask them.