

CORONAVIRUS — POLICE — G2G PASS

**483. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Police:**

I refer to the minister's response in question time yesterday to a question I asked about Emma Potter and other distressed G2G applicants who raised their concerns with the process through the media and who the minister described as "talkback radio whingers".

Has the minister asked the Commissioner of Police to detail how many G2G PASS applications are made and rejected, how many multiple times they have been rejected and what would assist in improving the system, or does the minister prefer to remain wilfully ignorant on this issue?

**Mr P. PAPALIA replied:**

I thank the member for her question. That question has been asked by her colleagues in the upper house and responded to via my office. The question about the number of applications and the number of rejections was asked some time ago.

The process that is in place, which has served well to protect the state against the incursion of COVID into the state, is that the Chief Health Officer defines the criteria by which an applicant can make an application for a G2G PASS. The police assess that application and apply the criteria as dictated by the Chief Health Officer. That has worked to keep the state safe. I continue to support the work done by police officers. The suggestion by the opposition on a regular basis that the police are somehow acting inappropriately in doing this incredibly hard and challenging work is just appalling. I will defend the police. They do a great job. They are doing a fantastic job on behalf of the state.