

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINE COMMANDER

**567. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the appointment of State Emergency Coordinator, Commissioner Chris Dawson, to the role of Western Australian COVID-19 Vaccine Commander for a period of four months as advised in a joint media statement of 24 August.

- (1) Over whom does the Vaccine Commander exercise command authority, and what vaccination-related operations will the Vaccine Commander direct rather than coordinate?
- (2) What tangible vaccination metrics will the performance of the Vaccine Commander and the associated support team be measured against?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1)–(2) The COVID-19 Vaccine Commander has overarching responsibility for the Western Australian government's delivery of the COVID-19 vaccination program and will provide whole-of-state oversight of the vaccination program in WA.

The day-to-day operational delivery of the WA Health program, led by the chief operating officer vaccine program within the Department of Health, will continue and report directly to the COVID-19 Vaccine Commander. The Chief Health Officer retains his statutory, regulatory, public health direction and clinical oversight roles as they relate to the vaccination program.