

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINATIONS — TARGET

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

I refer to the minister's comments reported over the weekend by the ABC's Kenith Png —

... "announcements" about the government's plan to open up the state will be made before Western Australia reaches the crucial milestone of having 80 per cent of its population aged 16 and over fully vaccinated.

- (1) Could the minister clarify his comments? Are we working towards 80 per cent vaccination, including those aged 12 and over, or 16 and over?
- (2) Who is your government consulting in the formulation of the aforementioned plan?

Dr A.D. Buti: Definitely not Nick Goiran!

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

It is certainly not Hon Nick Goiran!

- (1)–(2) What we were discussing on the weekend was the opening of the new vaccination clinic at the Armadale shopping centre. It was great to be there. We had Tony Galati and Alicia—I did not catch her second name—from the Wirrpanda Foundation as part of the Aboriginal family day activities. I was joined by the member for Darling Range, the member for Armadale, and the member for Jandakot, celebrating another great initiative by the McGowan government to continue to extend the opportunities for people to be vaccinated.

Obviously, what the media were curious about was: when are we going to be making further announcements? Of course, the answer to that question is: we are making announcements all the time. We are making announcements on vaccinations; we are making announcements on the health workforce; and we are making announcements on more opportunities to be vaccinated. We will continue to do that right throughout the process.