

CORONAVIRUS — RESTRICTIONS — EASING

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

I have a supplementary question. Can the Premier please explain why we have valuable police resources tied up in airports when we no longer have a hard border and there are other ways to check vaccination status to enter Western Australia?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

As the Commissioner of Police announced a week or so ago, the vast majority of police resources have been removed from Operation Tide. I think there were 400 police in total in Operation Tide; I think there are now around 50 or thereabouts. The presence at the airport is very small now. In terms of the G2G PASS, there is a spot-checking system for people coming in, as opposed to a formal system in which everyone has to be checked when they come through the airport. That decision was made at least a week ago and has already been implemented.