

CORONAVIRUS — MANDATORY VACCINATION POLICY

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

I refer to the mandatory vaccination frequently asked questions document that was uploaded to the Department of Health website yesterday, removed this morning, amended and then reposted.

- (1) Is the requirement for all travellers entering WA from low, medium, high and extreme risk jurisdictions to be fully vaccinated by 15 November part of the plan that the Premier refuses to share with the Western Australian public?
- (2) Why was this included in the document and why was it removed?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(2) As I said on the ABC radio this morning, an administrative error was made. I think it was picked up by Nathan Hondros, who works for the Liberal Party, who published or tweeted it, because I do not think he is particularly supportive of vaccinations, so he tweeted that. It was obviously picked up by ABC as well. An administrative error was made.

All I will say is that is the direction that Western Australia is heading. That is the broad direction. People getting vaccinated so that they can travel overseas or interstate is obviously something that I think most people would support. We are currently working on how in the future those sorts of arrangements could be implemented, but we have not made a final decision on it. It is nothing that is set in stone, but I have seen Alan Joyce out there saying, “If you want to fly Qantas overseas, get vaccinated.” If you ever want to go overseas again, get vaccinated. If you want to go to Bali or Thailand or Britain or America, get vaccinated. If you want to go over east, obviously there are much higher levels of infection over there, so clearly that is a broader direction that the government is currently examining.