

CORONAVIRUS — INTERSTATE BORDER RESTRICTIONS — TESTING

1223. Hon MARTIN ALDRIDGE to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the state government's mixed messaging around who will carry the cost of PCR testing in WA after the borders open.

- (1) Will the state government continue to pay for PCR testing for all Western Australian residents after 5 February?
- (2) Is it the intention of the state government for all interstate and international visitors to Western Australia to pay for their own PCR testing after 5 February?
- (3) If a COVID-19 outbreak occurs in WA and people are directed to be tested, can the state government confirm that it will underwrite this cost for all who require testing, regardless of whether they are a resident of WA?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

On behalf of the Minister for Mental Health, I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following information based on the information provided to me by the Minister for Health.

- (1)–(3) These details are being finalised and will be detailed ahead of when WA's safe transition plan takes effect.