

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (TEMPORARY COVID-19 PROVISIONS) BILL 2022

998. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Minister for Emergency Services:

I refer to proposed section 77P, “Exchange of Information”, of the Emergency Management Amendment (Temporary COVID-19 Provisions) Bill 2022.

- (1) Which agency will be responsible for collecting and controlling the personal information to be collected?
- (2) What safeguards will be put in place to ensure that the data collected will be used only for COVID-19 purposes?
- (3) Will all the data and backup data collected be exclusively retained on servers based within Western Australia?

Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:

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

- (1) When an authorised COVID-19 officer has collected information pursuant to the performance of a function or exercise of a power under the Emergency Management Act 2005, those officers must protect the information in accordance with section 95 of the act.
- (2) Amendments to the regulations that are consequential upon the enactment of the temporary scheme for the management of COVID-19 will restrict the disclosure of information received under proposed section 77P so that it may be used only for the purposes of COVID-19 management.
- (3) Each individual agency is responsible for its own data storage and security in accordance with applicable legal and policy obligations.