

POLICE — G2G PASS DATA

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

I refer to answers given in the Legislative Council on Tuesday, 11 October that confirm the Western Australia Police Force will keep data collected in the G2G application for 25 years before handing it over to the State Records Office of Western Australia.

- (1) Why is data being kept for such a long period?
- (2) Is data collected under any other app used during COVID being retained for a similar period before being handed over to the State Records Office?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

- (1)–(2) As I advised on the day this issue emerged, the advice I have is that under the State Records Act, the agency that collects the information is required to keep it for 25 years, and that is the law. I do not know which government passed the State Records Act, but whichever government passed it, it included that requirement. I am also advised that roughly six police officers can access the information. It is not generally available, contrary to what was promulgated by the Liberal Party in relation to this matter. The information is kept in accordance with the law. I doubt it will ever be used for any purpose whatsoever, but if the law requires that it be kept, is the Leader of the Opposition suggesting we break the law?