

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT

451. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

This is a question from yesterday regarding the government's utilisation of the Public Health Act 2016 during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- (1) Will the review of both the act's effectiveness and whether the act has been effectively utilised be undertaken?
- (2) If yes, by whom?
- (3) If not, why not?
- (4) Will the government consider creating more explicit provisions within the act to better manage extended pandemic scenarios, such as the present one?
- (5) If not, why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes. Pursuant to section 306 of the Public Health Act 2016, a review of the act will be undertaken as soon as is practicable.
- (2) The Public and Aboriginal Health directorate of the Department of Health.
- (3) Not applicable.
- (4) The government will make a decision upon advice from the Department of Health.
- (5) Not applicable.