

**CORONAVIRUS — HOTEL QUARANTINE
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Answer Advice

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.03 pm]: I would like to provide answers to Hon Martin Aldridge's questions without notice 638 and 648 asked on 7 September and question without notice 658 asked on 8 September.

I seek leave to have the responses incorporated into *Hansard*.

[Leave granted for the following material to be incorporated.]

Question without notice 638 —

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question.

- (1) As at 1600 hrs 07 September 2021 there are 992 guests in state managed hotel Quarantine.
 - (2) 830 rooms.
 - (3) Novotel Perth Murray, Hyatt Regency, Pan Pacific, Intercontinental Hotel and Westin hotel. The Holiday Inn is a dedicated flight crew only hotel.
 - (4) Yes.
 - (5) Not applicable.
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Question without notice 648 —

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question.

- (1) 1133
- (2) 12, each of whom have had their first dose.
- (3) The access to quarantine centres direction stipulates a quarantine centre worker must have had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.
- (4) In accordance with the Access to Quarantine Centres Directions, a quarantine centre worker must not enter, or remain at, a quarantine centre if the quarantine centre worker has not been vaccinated against COVID-19.
- (5) See tabled paper no.

<https://www.wa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-05/060521-Access-to-Quarantine-Centres-Directions.pdf>

**PUBLIC HEALTH ACT 2016 (WA)
Sections 157(1)(e), 157(1)(k), 180 and 190(1)(p)
ACCESS TO QUARANTINE CENTRES DIRECTIONS**

The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on 11 March 2020.

On 23 March 2020, the Minister for Health declared a public health state of emergency with effect from 1.30 p.m. on 23 March 2020 in respect of COVID-19 pursuant to section 167 of the *Public Health Act 2016* (WA) (**Act**). The public health state of emergency applies to the State of Western Australia.

I, Dr Andrew Robertson, the Chief Health Officer, authorised as an emergency officer under section 4 of the Act to exercise any of the emergency powers while the public health state of emergency declaration in respect of COVID-19 is in force, consider it reasonably necessary to give the following directions to all persons in Western Australia to prevent, control or abate the serious public health risk presented by COVID-19 pursuant to sections 157(1)(e), 157(1)(k), 180 and 190(1)(p) of the Act.

PREAMBLE

1. The purpose of these directions is to prevent the importation of COVID-19 into the Western Australian community and to otherwise limit the spread of COVID-19 in Western Australia.

CITATION

2. These directions may be referred to as the **Access to Quarantine Centres Directions**.

COMMENCEMENT

3. These directions come into effect at 12.01 am on 10 May 2021.

DIRECTIONS

4. Subject to paragraphs 5 and 6, a **quarantine centre worker** must not enter, or remain at, a **quarantine centre** if the quarantine centre worker has not been **vaccinated** against COVID-19.
 5. Where only part of **premises** are being used as a quarantine centre, nothing in these directions prevents a quarantine centre worker who is not vaccinated against COVID-19 from entering that part of the premises which is not being used as a quarantine centre.
 6. Nothing in these directions prevents a person who is not vaccinated against COVID-19 from entering any part of a quarantine centre for the purposes of:
 - (a) law enforcement; or
 - (b) responding to an emergency other than COVID-19; or
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- (c) performing maintenance or repairs, but only to the extent that, due to the nature of the maintenance or repairs, it is not reasonably practicable for a quarantine centre worker who is vaccinated against COVID-19 to perform the maintenance or repairs and the person who is able to perform the maintenance or repairs is not eligible to be vaccinated against COVID-19 at the time that the maintenance or repairs are required to be performed.

Example: a fire fighter or ambulance officer responding to an emergency other than COVID-19 would be persons referred to in paragraph 6(b)

7. A quarantine centre worker must produce for inspection evidence in the form approved by the Chief Health Officer or the State Health Incident Controller that they have been vaccinated against COVID-19, if **directed** to do so by an **emergency officer**.

DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of these directions:

8. **Chief Health Officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
9. **Direct contact means:**
- (a) more than 15 minutes of face-to-face contact in any setting; or
- (b) more than 2 hours in the same room.
10. **Direction** includes any direction under the Act, whether the direction is given orally or in writing, and **directed** includes directed by way of a direction under the Act, whether the direction is given orally or in writing.
11. **Emergency officer** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
12. **Police officer** means a person appointed under Part I of the *Police Act 1892* (WA) to be a member of the Police Force of Western Australia.
13. **Premises** has the same meaning that it has in the Act.
14. **Quarantine centre** means any quarantine centre operated or managed by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre (including a hotel quarantine centre) or which has been arranged by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre for the quarantining of people for public health purposes in connection with COVID-19 and, where the entirety of the premises is not being used as a quarantine centre, means only that part of the premises which is being operated or managed by the State Health Incident Coordination Centre as a quarantine centre.
15. **Quarantine centre driver** has the same meaning that it has in the Quarantine Centre Drivers Directions or any direction that replaces or amends those directions.
16. **Quarantine centre worker** means:
- (a) a person employed or otherwise engaged to provide at a quarantine centre:
- (i) security services, cleaning services or reception services; or
- (ii) food and beverage or hotel maintenance services; or
- (b) a person who is employed or otherwise engaged to provide at a quarantine centre services that involve the provision of medical, health or ancillary services, including welfare related services; or
- (c) a **police officer** who is deployed to carry out an assigned shift at a quarantine centre; or
- (d) a member of the Australian Defence Force who is deployed to carry out an assigned shift at a quarantine centre; or
- (e) a person who for any other reason knowingly has **direct contact** with a person in a quarantine centre who is subject to **quarantine requirements**,
- but does not include a **quarantine centre driver**.
17. **Quarantine requirements** has the same meaning that it has in the Controlled Border for Western Australia directions.
18. **Vaccinated** means that the person has had at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine.

PENALTIES

It is an offence for a person to fail, without reasonable excuse, to comply with any of these directions, punishable by a fine of up to \$20,000 for individuals and \$100,000 for bodies corporate.

Dr Andrew Robertson

Emergency Officer

6 May 2021 1002 hours

Question without notice 658 —

I thank the Honourable Member for some notice of the question.

- (1)
- June – 2552 persons (plus 1148 flight Crew)
 - July – 2028 persons (plus 1211 flight crew)
 - August – 1722 persons (plus 1174 flight crew)
- (2) Yes, these were based on approval by the incident controller and includes essential service workers, those on compassionate entry, maritime off signers, security escorts and international medical graduates.
- (3)

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(4) One.
