

CORONAVIRUS — INTRASTATE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

**206. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Premier:**

I refer to the intrastate travel restriction direction that will come into effect at midnight tonight.

- (1) When will the direction schedule of exemptions and related information be published so that those affected by this direction can prepare themselves and comply with the new requirements tomorrow and beyond?
- (2) How is it intended that this direction be policed?

**Mr M. McGOWAN replied:**

- (1)–(2) I announced today that police will be setting up checkpoints on many of the borders. They will be seeking the assistance of the Australian Defence Force to do that and I expect that they will be in place over the coming days. Those checkpoints will not be there all the time. This is not something that we can sustain in that way, but there will be checkpoints and spot checks across the state. Obviously we have nine regions, and countless roads. It is something that we will do our best to put in place.

The reason we are doing it is to protect regional WA as best we can, and I think most regional people understand that. I understand there will be a degree of frustration by people wanting to travel between the regions, but if people endure a little bit of hardship and frustration, it is probably good because it gets the message through.

I put out a statement yesterday that outlined a range of exemptions: travel for work purposes; to attend medical appointments; to transport freight; where necessary, to attend school or an educational institution; those who do not have access to groceries or supplies within their region; and approved compassionate grounds. Obviously, it will require a lot of commonsense on the part of people and also the police to ensure that this works effectively. As I said, I expect there will be some frustration. I expect the exemption grounds will be a part of the gazettal.