

CORONAVIRUS — DETECT PROGRAM

377. Ms M.J. DAVIES to the Minister for Health:

I have a supplementary question. I thank the minister. As the Premier has outlined, our ports and borders are where there is the greatest risk from us seeing COVID coming into our community. Therefore, can the minister give us a time line for when the protocols for DETECT will be made available to port staff and travellers and when they will be put in place?

Mr R.H. COOK replied:

Obviously, those measures are already in place for a lot of travellers. For instance, people who come to Western Australia are required to quarantine in one of our hotels and will be tested at day 12, in the ordinary course of their progression through the 14-day quarantine period. We will continue to look at how we can extend that. We have in front of us a proposal from Murdoch University to undertake some continued studies on that. At this stage, there is no particular time line for when those processes will be extended. I should add that we will not necessarily extend it to all port staff. Obviously, we will look at implementing it for people for whom there is any level of risk of contracting COVID-19.