

CORONAVIRUS — STATE OF EMERGENCY

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

I have a supplementary question. Are we truly in a state of emergency when the minister responsible for signing the declaration is also absent from Parliament and travelling overseas?

Mr D.A. TEMPLEMAN replied:

As is convention, there are ministers who take on an acting responsibility. That is the case currently. More importantly, our approach to the COVID-19 challenge has always been based on the health advice. That will always be the way that this government will operate, and how it has operated, and it is why we have been, and are, in such a strong position in terms of the health and wellbeing of both our population and, indeed, our Western Australian economy.