

CORONAVIRUS — VACCINE COMMANDER

**874. Hon TJORN SIBMA to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:**

I refer to the appointment of the State Emergency Coordinator, Commissioner Chris Dawson, to the role of WA COVID-19 Vaccine Commander for an initial term ending on 31 December 2021, as advised in a joint media statement on 24 August.

- (1) What measurable uplift in the state's COVID-19 vaccination performance has been accomplished in the two months since the commissioner's appointment to the role?
- (2) What performance targets remain to be achieved by the Vaccine Commander in the next two months?
- (3) Is it the government's intention to extend Commissioner Dawson's Vaccine Commander role beyond 31 December?
- (4) If yes to (3), under what circumstances will his appointment be extended, and until when?

**Hon SUE ELLERY replied:**

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

- (1) The Vaccine Commander has overseen the administration of over two million vaccine doses, including over one million first doses, since his appointment. On 24 August 2021, 43.8 per cent of Western Australians aged over 12 years had received one dose and 26.1 per cent had received two doses. As of 27 October 2021, 76.8 per cent had received one dose and 59.4 per cent had received two doses.
- (2) Eighty per cent vaccination by the end of 2021.
- (3)–(4) A decision on the future of the position will be made in due course.