

CORONAVIRUS — RESTRICTIONS

82. Dr D.J. HONEY to the Premier:

I have a supplementary question. Why does the Premier believe it is appropriate that Western Australians are required to monitor his Facebook page to obtain crucial health information instead of an authorised government website?

Mr M. McGOWAN replied:

Yesterday, we published information on the Department of Health website. Perhaps, today we have done it on the Health website. I do not follow those things particularly closely. We make decisions and then they are published. They are published on my Facebook site. They are published in press conferences. I must say that our social media has a bit more quality than the Leader of the Liberal Party's. We do not run photos of drowning children and then try to make political points out of it, unlike his social media. I think he wants to have a close look at the people who do his social media, because I think that if anyone actually watched and followed what he does, he would be in a lot of strife with some of the stuff he puts on there and some of the quite appalling attacks. Honestly, I have never seen a Leader of the Liberal Party like you—never seen it before, and I have seen a lot in this place. Admittedly, I do not think Colin Barnett was strong on social media—it was not his strong suit—but I am pretty sure he would have vetoed photos of drowning children in trying to make a political point. I am pretty sure Colin Barnett would have said, "That's not appropriate." But, anyway, the Leader of the Liberal Party can do his social media and at some point in time someone might look at it and someone might actually uncover the sort of stuff that he does.