

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AMENDMENT (TEMPORARY COVID-19 PROVISIONS) ACT

651. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the Leader of the House representing the Premier:

I refer the Premier to his predecessor's responses to the Legislative Council, through question time and to a parliamentary committee, regarding the Emergency Management Amendment (Temporary COVID-19 Provisions) Act 2022, which was described by former Commissioner of Police O'Callaghan as lazy legislation.

- (1) Is the Premier aware that his predecessor wrote to the Standing Committee on Environment and Public Affairs on 4 May 2023 stating that provisions in the act will automatically expire two years following the commencement of the act?
- (2) Is the Premier aware of the date in 2024 that these provisions are set to expire?
- (3) If yes to (2), what is that date?
- (4) In light of the equivocal response provided by his predecessor, will the Premier unequivocally commit to not extending these new powers when they expire?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1)–(4) The provisions referred to by the member automatically expire on 3 November 2024, two years following the commencement of the act. The provisions cannot be extended by the Premier.