

Question Without Notice No. 285 asked in the **Legislative Council** on **31 March 2020** by **Hon ALISON XAMON**

Question directed to: **Health**
Minister Responding: **Hon R.H. Cook**
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CORONAVIRUS — INPEX

285. Hon ALISON XAMON to the parliamentary secretary representing the Minister for Health:

On behalf of Hon Robin Chapple, who is out of the chamber on urgent parliamentary business, I refer to the Inpex fly in, fly out worker who contracted COVID-19 and was diagnosed after returning home from overseas when he fell ill.

- (1) What negotiations were undertaken by Inpex with the health department prior to choosing to fly all non-essential staff from the rig back onshore and put them in isolation in a Broome hotel as a precaution?
- (2) If no negotiations were undertaken, why not?
- (3) In reference to (1), if negotiations occurred, on what dates did these occur?
- (4) How did the FIFO worker contract COVID-19 prior to returning home?
- (5) Were the non-essential workers tested for COVID-19?
- (6) Were the essential workers remaining on the rig tested for COVID-19?

Hon ALANNA CLOHESY replied:

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

I have been advised that further time is required to answer this question due to the current unprecedented impacts of COVID-19 and the demands on the WA Health system and its staff. The information will be provided to the member by 1 April 2020.