

CORRECTIVE SERVICES — DEATHS IN CUSTODY

6316. Mr S.K. L'Estrange to the Minister for Emergency Services; Corrective Services:

Were there any deaths in custody in the calendar years of 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 to date:

- (a) If yes, how many deaths in custody occurred according to each calendar year:
- (i) According to calendar year, in which prisons did these deaths occur;
 - (ii) According to calendar year, what were the causes of these deaths in custody; and
 - (iii) How many of these deaths in custody were the death of person of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent?

Mr F.M. Logan replied:

- (a) (i)

Prison	2017	2018	2019	2020*
Acacia Prison	1	2	2	2
Albany Regional Prison	1			
Bandyup Womens Prison	1			
Broome Regional Prison			1	
Bunbury Regional Prison	1	1		1
Casuarina Prison	6	5	7	7
Eastern Goldfields Regional Prison			1	
Hakea Prison	1		4	
Karnt Prison Farm	1	1		
Melaleuca Remand And Reintegration Facility	1			
Roebourne Regional Prison				1
West Kimberley Regional Prison		1		

* Up until 31 July 2020.

- (ii)

Cause of Death*	2017	2018	2019	2020**
Apparent Natural	6	8	9	7
Natural	5			
Apparent Unnatural	1		6	3
Unnatural	1			
Unable To Determine Whether Natural/Unnatural		2		1

* Until the Coroner determines the cause of death, the cause is reported as 'APPARENT'.

** Up until 31 July 2020.

- (iii) From 1 January 2017 up until 31 July 2020, total – 15.
From 1 January 2020 up until 31 July 2020, total – 4.