

CASUARINA PRISON — DEATH IN CUSTODY

**1346. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services:**

I refer to the statement of Commissioner of Corrective Services, Mr James McMahon, regarding the death in custody at Casuarina Prison on Wednesday, 22 October 2014.

- (1) What is the time frame for the coronial inquest?
- (2) What are the circumstances surrounding the death in custody?

**Hon KEN BASTON replied:**

On behalf of the Attorney General, I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

- (1) The death has been reported to the State Coroner and will be subject to a mandatory inquest. Reports are being prepared for the coroner by the Western Australia Police and the Department of Corrective Services. It is not until both of those reports have been delivered to the coroner and a brief prepared that an inquest date can be scheduled.
- (2) The Department of Correctives Services advises that this matter is subject to a police investigation and it would be inappropriate to comment on circumstances while this investigation is ongoing.