

FINES ENFORCEMENT AND RECOVERY PROCESS — REVIEW

278. Hon CHARLES SMITH to the Leader of the House representing the Attorney General:

After the death in custody of Ms Dhu on 4 August 2014, the coroner outlined 11 recommendations, one of which was, and I quote, a review of “processes for incarceration under the fines enforcement and recovery process”. The coroner stated that this be given a high priority for consideration by Parliament.

- (1) Can the Attorney General advise the house whether this review has started?
- (2) If yes to (1), can the minister advise on the progress of this review?
- (3) If no to (1), why not?

Hon SUE ELLERY replied:

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

- (1) Yes.
- (2) The Attorney General is currently considering a submission from his department to draft a bill to amend the Fines, Penalties and Infringement Notices Enforcement Act 1994 that should reduce the level of incarceration for non-payment of fines.
- (3) Not applicable.