

JULIEKA IVANNA DHU — DEATH IN CUSTODY — CORONER'S INQUIRY

**1039. Mr P. PAPALIA to the Premier:**

I have a supplementary question. That is extraordinary. In the 14 months since the Premier made his promise to Ms Dhu's mother to reduce the incarceration of Aboriginal people, has he at any time asked anybody how many Aboriginal people, as fine defaulters, are in the state's police lockups?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT replied:**

Out of respect, I am not going to comment further on the situation for Ms Dhu.

Several members interjected.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I am not.

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**The SPEAKER:** Members! We are getting a wall of noise now.

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I do not think it is appropriate, given —

**Mr P. Papalia:** What—to ask how many are in there?

**Mr C.J. BARNETT:** I do not think it is appropriate to raise the death of Ms Dhu in that way; therefore, I will not respond to that. If the member wishes to find out factual information on the numbers of people of Aboriginal heritage in our jail system, I suggest he ask the Minister for Corrective Services.

**Mr P. Papalia** interjected.

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