

JULIEKA IVANNA DHU — DEATH IN CUSTODY — CCTV FOOTAGE RELEASE

790. Mrs M.H. ROBERTS to the Minister for Police:

I refer to police closed-circuit television video footage of Ms Dhu and the coroner's advice this week that, given the footage existed prior to being provided to the Coroner's Court, police could make a decision regarding the release of its CCTV footage.

- (1) Given that the coronial inquest into the death of Ms Dhu has been held and given the family's strong desire for the footage to be released, what impediments are there to WA Police releasing that CCTV footage?
- (2) What will the minister do to assist the relatives and friends of Ms Dhu to ensure the urgent release of that CCTV footage?

Mrs L.M. HARVEY replied:

- (1)–(2) From the outset, WA Police has never opposed the release of the footage. The advice we have been given and the advice I have received is that the coroner is still engaged in that inquest. The coroner made a decision not to release the footage. Police would not release the footage contrary to the coroner's decision.