

COUNTRY MORGUES — UNCLAIMED BODIES

1131. Hon HELEN BULLOCK to the minister representing the Minister for Health:

- (1) Can the minister advise how many bodies are being held as at 10 November 2009 in the following morgue facilities—Broome, Derby, Kununurra, Port Hedland, Tom Price and Newman?
- (2) Of those, how many bodies are unclaimed?
- (3) For what period of time has each of these unclaimed bodies been held in the morgue?
- (4) What action is being taken to address each of these cases?

Hon SIMON O'BRIEN replied:

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

- (1) For Broome, it is one; Derby, six; Kununurra, nil; Port Hedland, five, Tom Price, nil; and Newman, nil.
- (2) For Broome, it is nil; Derby, nil; Kununurra, not applicable; Port Hedland, nil; Tom Price, not applicable; and Newman, not applicable.
- (3)-(4) Not applicable.