

COUNTRY MORGUES — UNCLAIMED BODIES

1111. 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 morgue facilities at Nickol Bay, Carnarvon, Wickham, Kalgoorlie and Esperance?
- (2) Of those, how many bodies are unclaimed?
- (3) For what period 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 notice of the question.

- (1) For Nickol Bay, it is nil; Carnarvon, one; Wickham, nil; Kalgoorlie, three; and Esperance, nil.
- (2) For Nickol Bay, not applicable; Carnarvon, nil; Wickham, not applicable; Kalgoorlie, two; and Esperance, not applicable.
- (3) The two unclaimed bodies have been in the Kalgoorlie hospital morgue for three months.
- (4) The Public Trustee is managing this issue.