

YOUTH SUICIDES IN REGIONAL AREAS

3774. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the number of youth suicides in rural and regional Western Australia, and I ask —

- (1) How many young people, under the age of 25, died by suicide for the years 2006 to the present?
- (2) What town and what years did these suicides occur?
- (3) Of those who died by suicide, how many were of Aboriginal, and how many of non-Aboriginal backgrounds?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

The data from the National Coronial Information System below relates to the number of suicides in Western Australia by young people under the age of 25 from the 2006 calendar year on and broken down by jurisdictional region.

- (1) 2006 = 49  
2007 = 48  
2008 = 53  
2009 = 41  
2010 = 41

(2)–(3) [See paper 3268.]