

MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES — SUSPECTED SUICIDES

5192. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

How many suspected suicides were there for the State listed in coronial jurisdictions for the years 2009–2010 and 2010–2011?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

Suspected suicide cases in each coronial jurisdiction for the years; 2009–2010 and 2010–2011:

	2009–2010	2010–2011
Perth	213 (16)	235 (43)
Albany	7 (1)	10 (1)
Broome	9	13 (3)
Bunbury	13	29 (2)
Carnarvon	4	1
Geraldton	7	10
Northam	4	7 (1)
Kalgoorlie	10	9 (1)
Kununurra	0	6 (1)
South Headland	5	2 (1)
Total	272 (17)	322 (53)

NB: The final determination of a finding of suicide can only be made by a coroner after consideration of a detailed investigation report, which may include the deceased's medical history. The numbers in brackets indicate the coronial investigations which are ongoing. An assessment has been made in relation to these matters, which indicates they are possible suicide cases, however, that assessment may or may not be confirmed by the completion of the coroners' finding. For example, in the table above there are 213 cases of alleged suicide in Perth in 2009–2010, 16 of which are pending a final determination and 197 for which a final determination has been made.