

HEALTH — DEATHS

1959. Hon Ben Dawkins to the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Health:

I refer to the number of excess deaths recorded in Western Australia in the 2021 calendar year, and I ask:

- (a) has the Government investigated the number of excess deaths recorded in 2021:
 - (i) if no to (a), why not;
- (b) is the Government able to provide an explanation as to why there was a statistically significant increase in the number of excess deaths in 2021:
 - (i) if no to (b), why not; and
- (c) how many confirmed cases of COVID-19 were recorded in Western Australia in the 2021 calendar year?

Hon Pierre Yang replied:

- (a) Yes.
 - (i) N/A
- (b) In 2021, the total number of excess deaths was 136 and the percentage of excess deaths was 0.9% in Western Australia. This was generally within the expected range of variation.
 - (i) N/A
- (c) There were 370 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Western Australia in the 2021 calendar year.