

SUICIDE — REGIONAL STATISTICS

3814. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the number of suicides in rural and regional Western Australia that have been investigated by the Coroner, and I ask —

- (1) Will the Attorney General provide a breakdown of people over the age of 25 who died by suicide in each of the regional health districts for the years 2008 to the present?
- (2) Will the Attorney General provide the names of the towns and the years in which the suicides occurred?
- (3) Will the Attorney General also give a breakdown, as asked above, for Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal suicides?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

- (1) The data from the National Coronial Information System below relates to the number of suicides in WA by people over the age of 25 years from the 2008 calendar year to present and broken down by coronial jurisdictional region:

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (as at 31/3/11)
Albany	13	10	8	6
Broome	8	5	5	9
Bunbury	11	14	20	17
Carnarvon	2	5	0	2
Geraldton	3	10	10	11
Northam	3	7	2	2
Kalgoorlie	6	7	9	7
Kununurra	1	3	2	3
South Hedland	6	5	4	1
Perth	201	164	194	100

- (2) Data is maintained by coronial jurisdictional regions.

Aboriginal Suicide Deaths (over 25 years of age)

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (as at 31/3/11)
Albany	2	0	0	0
Broome	6	3	2	2
Bunbury	0	0	2	1
Carnarvon	0	0	0	0
Geraldton	1	1	0	1
Northam	0	0	1	1
Kalgoorlie	1	1	1	0
Kununurra	1	2	0	3
South Hedland	1	2	2	3
Perth	7	3	1	2

Non-Aboriginal Suicide Deaths (over 25 years of age)

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (as at 31/3/11)
Albany	11	10	8	6
Broome	2	2	3	3
Bunbury	11	14	18	16
Carnarvon	2	5	0	2
Geraldton	2	9	10	10
Northam	3	7	1	1
Kalgoorlie	5	6	8	7
Kununurra	0	1	2	0
South Hedland	5	3	2	1
Perth	194	161	193	98

1 of Unknown Ethnicity for 2011

The above data is provisional subject to determination by a Coroner.