

ABORTION — INDUCED

694. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to the answer to question on notice 491, which informed the House that as at 31 December 2021 there have now been 31 cases of babies who showed signs of life after an abortion procedure, and I ask:

- (a) has the Department reported each of the last five deaths to the Coroner;
- (b) if yes to (a), when; and
- (c) if no to (a), why not?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

- (a) WA Health has reported 4 of the last 5 deaths to the Coroner.
- (b) 2019 and 2021.
- (c) One death was not reported because a review of clinical records showed that the case did not meet the definition of a reportable death pursuant to the *Coroners Act 1996*, despite the coding assigned.