

SUICIDE VERDICTS — CORONER

313. Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the 290 verdicts of suicide announced by the coroner.

- (1) How many were in the metropolitan area?
- (2) How many were in regional Western Australia, and of those —
 - (a) in which regions did they occur; and
 - (b) how many suicides occurred in each of those regions?

Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN replied:

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question.

I confirm that the figure of 290 verdicts of suicide referred to, as reported by *The West Australian*, is incorrect. The correct figure quoted by the coroner is 260.

- (1) The figure for 2010 is 194.
- (2) Albany, eight; Broome, seven; Bunbury, 22; Carnarvon, zero; Geraldton, 11; Kalgoorlie, seven; Kununurra, two; Northam, four; and South Hedland, five. That is a total of 66. These figures are provisional and subject to final determination as suicides by the coroner. I point out that the question was first asked on 5 April 2011 and the figures are current as of that date.