

SUICIDE — REGIONAL STATISTICS

3813. Hon Ljiljanna Ravlich to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Attorney General

I refer to the number of youth 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 young people under 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 young people of the age of 25 years and under from the 2008 calendar year to present and broken down by coronial jurisdictional region:

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (as at 31/3/11)
Albany	1	2	2	0
Broome	18	2	2	0
Bunbury	1	1	1	0
Carnarvon	0	2	0	0
Geraldton	0	0	1	0
Northam	1	0	2	0
Kalgoorlie	2	2	2	1
Kununurra	0	4	0	0
South Hedland	1	1	1	0
Perth	34	27	30	2

The above data is provisional. While the determination of the cause of death may indicate the manner of death as suicide, the final determination may not be known until the Coroner's investigation or inquest is finalised.

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

Aboriginal Suicide Deaths (under 25 years of age)

	2008	2009	2010	2011 (as at 31/3/11)
Albany	0	1	0	0
Broome	18	2	1	0
Bunbury	0	0	0	0
Carnarvon	0	2	0	0
Geraldton	0	0	0	0
Northam	0	0	2	0
Kalgoorlie	1	1	1	0
Kununurra	0	4	0	0
South Hedland	0	0	0	0
Perth	1	0	4	0

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

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

South Hedland	0	1	1	0
Perth	31	27	26	2

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