

VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING — ANNUAL REPORT — SUICIDES

1167. Hon Nick Goiran to the Leader of the House representing the Minister for Health:

I refer to section 12 of the *Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2019* which provides that '[f]or the purposes of the law of the State, a person who dies as the result of the administration of a prescribed substance in accordance with this Act does not die by suicide', and I ask:

- (a) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2021–30 June 2022;
- (b) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2020–30 June 2021;
- (c) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2019–30 June 2020;
- (d) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2018–30 June 2019; and
- (e) how many suicides were recorded in WA between 1 July 2017–30 June 2018?

**Hon Sue Ellery replied:**

Figures are as at 14 December 2022 and are provisional and subject to change pending on the final determination of a coroner.

- (a) 357
- (b) 388
- (c) 391
- (d) 413
- (e) 386