



EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

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Dear Ms Fogliani

RE Hearing with committee in relation to Kimberley youth suicide inquest

I am writing in response to a request from your office to provide more detail about the nature of the committee hearing on April 3 to which you were invited (*see invitation letter dated 14 February 2019*).

We understand you are unable to answer questions specifically in relation to the findings of the *Inquest into the 13 Deaths of Children and Young Persons in the Kimberley Region*. There are two topics – related to the inquest process and the operations of the coroner's office – that I am hoping you will be able to respond to. I invite you to respond either in person at a hearing, as per the original invitation, or in writing by April 3.

- What is the role of the coroner/coroner's office following the completion of a complex inquiry such as the *Inquest into the 13 Deaths of Children and Young Persons in the Kimberley Region* in terms of providing feedback to the communities involved? Is there a post-report engagement strategy to ensure that people in remote communities and/or with limited English literacy skills understand the inquest findings and the inquest process (e.g. what happens to recommendations?)
- In relation to evidence you gave in a hearing with the Community Development and Justice Standing Committee in October 2016, can you advise whether the system for recording and accessing information about coronial recommendations has been improved? What plans are in place to manage this information, given that recommendation 83 of the Law Reform Commission's report (to establish prevention teams) was not enacted?

Please contact the principal research office (details below) to indicate whether you will be attending the hearing or responding in writing.

Yours sincerely

**MS J.M. FREEMAN, MLA
CHAIR**

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