

Tuesday, 16 September 2014 Question without notice:

JULIEKA IVANNA DHU

1. Hon ROBIN CHAPPLE to the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs:

I refer to the death of Julieka Ivanna Dhu in custody at South Hedland on 4 August 2014.

- (1) Has the minister had any discussions with other ministers or agencies about the passing of Julieka Ivanna Dhu?
- (2) If yes to (1), when, and with whom?
- (3) If no to (2), why not?
- (4) As Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, will the minister ensure that a full, transparent and independent investigation is carried out into the death of Aboriginal woman Julieka Ivanna Dhu whilst in custody?
- (5) If no to (4), why not?

Hon PETER COLLIER replied:

I thank the honourable member for the question.

- (1)–(5) I am aware of the circumstances surrounding Ms Dhu's passing, but I have not had any discussions with other ministers. The circumstances are extremely unfortunate. Ms Dhu did spend some time at South Hedland Police Station. During that time, she also spent some time at the Hedland Health Campus. On one of those occasions, unfortunately she passed away. There will be a full coronial inquiry into Ms Dhu's passing, and Ms Dhu's family will be represented by the Aboriginal Legal Service.