

# LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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## QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police.

I refer to the death of Julieka Ivanna Dhu in custody at South Hedland on 4th August 2014 and the answer to QWON 901, and I ask:

1. Can the Minister identify on what date, time and at what location a coroner's brochure titled "When a Person Dies Suddenly" was served personally by WA Police to the deceased's father.
2. If yes to (1), was information in relation to section 20(1)(a)-(f) of the Coroner's Act 1996 contained within that document explained to the deceased's father?
3. If no to (2), why not?
4. Why did the police not provide a coroner's brochure titled "When a Person Dies Suddenly" to Julieka Ivanna Dhu's defacto partner Dion Ruffin her next of kin?

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**I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.**

1. The WA Police Mortuary Admission Form (P98) indicates that the Coroner's brochure was served personally on the deceased's father, Robert Allan Dhu, at 1.50pm 4 August 2014 by officers from Port Hedland Police Station.
  2. Yes.
  3. Not applicable.
  4. At the time of death, the attending police deemed that her father, Robert Allan Dhu, was the appropriate person in the circumstances to be identified as her "Senior Next of Kin" under the provisions of section 37(5) *Coroner's Act 1996*. At this time, police were aware he was a direct relative and had an established relationship with her in that capacity.
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