

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

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

Thursday, 23 October 2014

Hon Robin Chappie MLC to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health.

I refer to an undated letter authored by Dr Philip Montgomery the Regional Medical Director WACHS Pilbara Region to a member of the Miss Dhu's family, and reference to the issues pertaining to Miss Dhu's presentation to the Port Hedland Health Campus (PHHC) on 4th of August at 12.45 and I ask:

1. Was Miss Dhu pulseless and not breathing at the time of presentation by the police?
2. If yes to 1.) did the police identify how long she had been in this state?
3. For how long was resuscitation attempted?
4. Was any contact made with the PHHC by the police prior to their arrival with Miss Dhu that they were bringing a lifeless person to the PHHC for emergency treatment and if so at what time?
5. Was an intravenous access device used on the lateral aspect of the top of Miss Dhu's right foot?
6. If yes to 5.) for what purpose was this device used?

I thank the honourable member for some notice of this question. The following has been provided to me by the Minister for Health.

As Ms Dhu was, immediately before her death, a person held in care, there must be a Coronial inquest into her death. Pending the completion of that inquest, it would not be appropriate for me to answer this question.

