

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**C1319**

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

**Tuesday, 17 November 2015**

Hon Robin Chappie to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Corrective Services.

I refer to the Economic Regulation Authority's Prison Inquiry Final report released on 4 November, 2015, which highlights a need for greater transparency in the public prison system, and ask:

1. How many deaths in or associated with custody have occurred in Western Australia in the last 10 years?
2. How many of those deaths in or associated with custody are still awaiting a coronial inquest?

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

(1)-(2) I table this paper containing the information requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Chappie', written in a cursive style.

1. There have been 65 deaths in Corrective Services custody in Western Australia since 17 November 2005.

Note that information is provided in relation to deaths in Corrective Services custody only. Deaths in Police custody are not included in the information provided.

All deaths in prison custody are subject to internal review and Coronial Inquest.

Financial year	Apparent Natural causes	Apparent Unnatural causes*	Unable to determine whether natural / unnatural	Total
2005/06	4	2	0	6
2006/07	2	1	0	3
2007/08	6	2	0	8
2008/09	2	1	1	4
2009/10	3	5	0	8
2010/11	4	1	0	5
2011/12	7	0	0	7
2012/13	8	2	0	10
2013/14	4	3	0	7
2014/15	1	3	0	4

\*A death by apparent unnatural causes is a death which was caused by homicide, suicide, accidental cause or a drug overdose.

2. 15 of those deaths in Corrective Services custody are still awaiting a coronial inquest.