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Question on Notice 1267 — Correction of Answer

HON MATTHEW SWINBOURN (East Metropolitan — Parliamentary Secretary) [5.05 pm]: In response to question on notice 1267, asked by Hon Nick Goiran on 21 February 2023, I provided information from the Department of Justice that there were 27 cases of post-abortion neonatal deaths with the Coroner's Court as at 21 March 2023. I would like to clarify that the current number is, in fact, 28. The difference was a result of changes in cases from those that were reported to the Coroner and those that fall within the Coroner's jurisdiction under the legislation. I am advised that the additional case was one reported in May 2021, which was found to be a relevant neonatal death.