

PERTH CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL — AISHWARYA ASWATH

62. Hon MICHAEL MISCHIN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to the Attorney General's answers to questions without notice 38 and 39 of 5 May 2021 asked in the Legislative Assembly by the member for Vasse regarding the Attorney General's power under section 22 of the Coroner's Act 1996 to direct that a coroner's inquest be held into the death of Aishwarya Aswath.

- (1) Why can the Attorney General not direct the coroner to hold an inquest "at this stage"?
- (2) At what stage will the Attorney General be able to direct the coroner to hold an inquest?
- (3) At what point will it be too late for the Attorney General to direct an inquest?
- (4) Will the Attorney General direct the coroner to hold an inquest; and, if so, when will he do so?
- (5) If the Attorney General will not direct the coroner to hold an inquest, why will he not do so?
- (6) Is it the Attorney General's intention to leave it to Aishwarya's bereaved parents to apply to the Supreme Court for a coroner's inquest to be held, if they can afford the cost, time and uncertainty of doing so?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(6) The Attorney General is seeking advice and will answer the questions when Parliament reconvenes next week.