

ABORTION — LIVE BIRTHS

118. Hon NICK GOIRAN to the parliamentary secretary representing the Attorney General:

I refer to question without notice 623 answered on 17 June last year in which the house was advised that the Department of Justice had received recommendations from the Coroner's Court in January 2020 for legislative amendment to the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1911 and that these recommendations were yet to be discussed with the Minister for Health.

- (1) Has the Attorney General now discussed the matter with the Minister for Health?
- (2) If yes to (1), when did these discussions take place?
- (3) How many recommendations were received from the coroner?
- (4) What were those recommendations?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question.

- (1)–(4) The Attorney General has not yet discussed the matter with the full cabinet. Given the Coroner's Court recommendation to amend the Health (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 2011 was prepared for the ultimate deliberation of the cabinet, the Attorney General is not in a position to expand on the recommendation. He can, however, confirm that there was only one recommendation from the Coroner's Court, and the Department of Justice and the Department of Health are working together to progress the matter at a departmental level.