

ATTORNEY GENERAL — YOUTH SUICIDE

3284. Mr D.J. Kelly to the Minister representing the Attorney General:

What are the figures for youth (12–25) suicide in the following categories: (1) Male; (2) Female; (3) Indigenous, and (4) Total, for the following years:

- (a) 2008;
- (b) 2009;
- (c) 2010;
- (d) 2011;
- (e) 2012;
- (f) 2013; and
- (e) 2014 to date?

Dr K.D. Hames replied:

Suspected deaths by suicide for young people (aged 12–25 years):

- (a) (1) Male — 39
(2) Female — 12
(3) Indigenous — 13 (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 51
- (b) (1) Male — 40
(2) Female — 6
(3) Indigenous — 10 (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 46
- (c) (1) Male — 31 (2)
(2) Female — 9
(3) Indigenous — 10 (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 40 (2)
- (d) (1) Male — 40
(2) Female — 25 (5)
(3) Indigenous — 21 (3) (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 65 (5)
- (e) (1) Male — 44 (2)
(2) Female — 22 (1)
(3) Indigenous — 16 (1) (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 66 (3)
- (f) (1) Male — 45 (7)
(2) Female — 15 (7)
(3) Indigenous — 12 (3) (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 60 (14)
- (g) (1) Male — 40 (37)
(2) Female — 21 (15)
(3) Indigenous — 7 (4) (combination of male and female)
(4) Total — 61 (52)

Note: The figures above represent the total number of all cases reported to the Coroner's Office as a suspected suicide for young people (aged 12–25 years) from 1 January 2008 to 29 December 2014. *The data shown in brackets represents the number of open cases awaiting a final determination by the coroner.*

The final determination of a finding of suicide can only be made by a coroner after consideration of a detailed investigation report, which may include the deceased's medical history. The numbers in brackets indicate the

coronial investigations which are ongoing and a final determination by a Coroner has not been made. An initial assessment has been made in relation to the case, which indicates that it is a possible suicide case, however that assessment may or may not be confirmed by the completion of the coroners' finding.

These figures have been sourced from the National Coroner's Information System. Information regarding the indigenous origin of an individual is provided by Western Australia Police, either at the time the death is reported or when the investigation is completed.