

KATE SAVAGE — CORONIAL INQUEST — REQUEST

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

I refer to the powers under section 22(1) of the Coroners Act 1996 to direct that a coroner holds an inquest.

- (1) Following the death of Kate Savage —
 - (a) has a coroner issued a section 24 notice of refusal; and
 - (b) has the State Coroner directed a coroner to hold an inquest?
- (2) If yes to any part of (1), on what date?
- (3) Will the Attorney General direct a coroner to hold an inquest into Kate Savage's death?
- (4) If no to (3), why not?

Hon MATTHEW SWINBOURN replied:

I thank the member for some notice of the question. I provide the following answer on behalf of the Attorney General.

- (1)–(4) Unexpected deaths are always tragic, particularly when they involve children. The Attorney General and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Mr and Mrs Savage. Earlier this month, Mr and Mrs Savage wrote to the Attorney General. The Attorney General will respond to the family personally in due course.