## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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# QUESTION WITHOUT NOTICE (Of which some notice has been given)

## Tuesday, 16 September 2014

Hon Stephen Dawson to the Attorney General.

I refer to suspected deaths by suicide reported to the State Coroner and ask:

1. By Western Australian coronial district, how many suicides were reported and confirmed in each of the following years;

- a. 2011-2012;
- b. 2012-2013;
- c. 2013-2014; and
- d. 2014 to date?

## I thank the Hon. Member for some notice of this question.

1. a-d. I table the attached information regarding the confirmed suicides by calendar year from 2011 until 30 June 2014. Statistics by financial year are not available.

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	2011	2012	2013	2014
Perth	216(6)	268(13)	250(122)	129(126)
Albany	12	9	7(2)	10(9)
Broome	17	16	10	4(3)
Bunbury	33	20	25(2)	13(10)
Carnarvon	4	3	. 6(4)	3(3)
Geraldton	8(1)	8	9(2)	7(5)
Islands	0	0	0 .	2(2)
Kalgoorlie	14(2)	9(1)	11(3)	5(5)
Kununurra	5	6(1)	5(4)	5(5)
Northam	6	11(2)	11(3)	1(1)
South Hedland	4	12(1)	8(5)	2(2)
Totals	319(9)	362(18)	342(147)	181(171)

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#### Footnote:

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.

For example; in the table above there are 129 reported cases of suicide in Perth in 2014, of which 126 are pending a final determination.