

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL
Question on notice

Tuesday, 23 September 2014

1688. Hon Lynn MacLaren to the Attorney General.

With reference to question without notice No. 1009 of 18 September 2014, can the Attorney General provide a regional breakdown across Western Australia of suicide rates among teenage girls?

Answer

The Coroner's Court case management system is case specific and is unable to readily run data sets based on age and gender. The data only relates to all persons under 25 years of age.

A copy of the data provided as of 30 June 2014 is reproduced in Table No.

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Suicide cases of young people under the age of 25 years

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Perth	31	32	28	35(4)	44(2)	36(16)	18(17)
Albany	5	2	3(1)	1	1	2	0
Broome	7	2	2	12	5	3	2(2)
Bunbury	2	1	0	6	3	6(1)	5(3)
Carnarvon	1	2	0	2	1	1(1)	0
Geraldton	0	0	1	0	0	2	0
Islands	0	0	1 (1)	0	0	0	1(1)
Kalgoorlie	2	2	2	5(1)	1(1)	3(1)	1(1)
Kununurra	0	4	0	3	4(1)	3(3)	4(4)
Northam	1	0	2 (1)	1	3	1	0
South Hedland	2	1	1	0	4	3(2)	1(1)
Totals	51	46	40(3)	65(5)	66(4)	60(24)	32(29)

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 18 reported cases of suicide in Perth in 2014, of which 17 are pending a final determination.