

AUTOPSIES, REMOVAL OF SPINAL COLUMNS AND CORDS

172. Hon Jim Scott to the Parliamentary Secretary representing the Minister for Health

- (1) How many spinal columns and/or cords is the Health Department aware were removed during autopsies before 1980?
- (2) How many spinal columns and/or cords is the Health Department aware were removed during autopsies after 1992?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

- (1)-(2) The Department of Health does not keep centralised records of organs or tissue, including spinal columns and cords, which may be removed during coronial and hospital autopsies.

The Minister for Health is therefore unable to respond to this question.