

POST-MORTEM INQUIRIES, COMPLAINTS

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

- (1) Has the Minister received correspondence from family members of deceased persons expressing dissatisfaction with the conduct of inquiries into post mortems performed?
- (2) If so, will the Minister explain how many and what was the basis of the complaints?
- (3) What officer is currently dealing with correspondence or enquires on this issue?

Hon LJILJANNA RAVLICH replied:

- (1) Yes
- (2) The Minister has received complaints from family members in 4 matters (some multiple complaints).
 - (a) Family member dissatisfied with the response of the Commissioner of Health to specific questions raised by her, most of which were outside the scope of the inquiry. The questions within the scope of the inquiry had been answered.
 - (b) Family member requested meeting with Minister following receipt of letter detailing results of the investigation.
 - (c) Family member did not accept the answers which were given to that person's enquiries.
 - (d) Family member felt inquiry was not going to provide answers she was seeking and requested that the investigation not continue in respect of the matter.
- (3) All correspondence and inquiries have been dealt with by officers in the Legal and Legislative Services Branch of the Department of Health.