

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

C1162

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

Tuesday, 14 October 2014

Hon Robin Chapple to the Attorney General representing the Minister for Police.

I refer to the death of Julieka Ivanna Due in custody at South Hedland on 4th August 2014, and ask:

1. Will the Minister table statements made to the media by any persons or officers of the police in respect of the death and transportation of Julieka Ivanna Due?
2. If no to (1) why not?
3. If yes to (1) in what capacity were the statements made and on what dates?

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

- (1) I table the attached document.
- (2) Not applicable.
- (3) Police Media provided 3 media releases to all media outlets. The dates of these media releases were 4/8/2014 and 6/8/2014 (two releases).



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4/8/2014, 5:17pm

About 12:30pm today, Monday 4 August 2014, a 22 year old woman being held in police custody at the South Hedland Police Station was taken to the Hedland Health Campus after alerting officers to the fact she was not feeling well.

Upon arrival at the hospital the woman's condition deteriorated and she passed away.

Due to the fact the woman had been in police custody prior to her death, officers from the Internal Affairs Unit will investigate her death as a death in police custody.

A report will be prepared for the Coroner.

6/8/2014, 11:24am

Further to information released to you on Monday, 4 August 2014.

A 23 year old woman was taken into lawful custody at the South Hedland Police Station on Saturday 2 August 2014.

The woman was being detained for four days and was due to be released on Tuesday, 5 August 2014.

Whilst in the lock up the woman advised police of being unwell and on two separate occasions she was taken to the Hedland Heath Campus, on Saturday 2 August and again on Sunday 3 August 2014.

On both occasions, medical staff provided police with a Medical Fitness to be Held in Custody certificate before she was returned to the lock up.

On Monday 4 August 2014, the woman again told police she was unwell and she was again conveyed to the Hedland Health Campus where her condition deteriorated and she passed away.

Internal Affairs Unit will investigate her death as a death in police custody and a report will be prepared for the Coroner.

6/8/2014, 11:30am

Please note in my previous email the age of the woman should be 22 years of age and not 23 as listed.