

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1147**

**Asked on 14 September 2023**

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE, MINISTER FOR PREVENTION OF DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE (HON Y D'ATH)

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the reviews of child deaths by suicide conducted by the Child Death Review Board in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years—

Will the Attorney-General advise (reported separately by year) (a) how many of these children spent any time in custody whether sentenced or on remand (i) at any point in their life and (ii) in the month prior to their death and (b) what age were the children referred to in (a) and what age did each of them first enter custody?

### **ANSWER:**

I am advised on the reviews conducted by the Child Death Review Board of child deaths by suicide in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 financial years:

- No child whose death was reviewed in the 2021-22 financial year spent any time in custody whether sentenced or on remand.
- Two children whose deaths were reviewed in the 2022-23 financial year spent time in custody whether sentenced or on remand during their life:
  - None of the children were in custody in the month prior to their death;
  - The first young person was 16 years old when they first entered custody and was 17 years old when they died; and
  - The second young person was 14 years old when they first entered custody and was 17 years old when they died.