

Question on Notice

No. 1171

Asked on 15 October 2025

MR P RUSSO ASKED THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL AND MINISTER FOR JUSTICE AND MINISTER FOR INTEGRITY (HON D FRECKLINGTON)

QUESTION:

Will the Attorney-General advise for the period November 2024 to date (a) how many deaths have been recorded by the Coroners Court of Queensland where the deceased person was identified as experiencing homelessness (including rough sleeping, no fixed address, itinerant, squatting or other unstable housing circumstances) and (b) how these deaths are currently tracked, categorised or reported by the Department of Justice and Attorney-General or the State Coroner?

ANSWER:

I thank the Member for Toohey for his question.

The *Coroners Act 2003* (the Act) requires a death to be reported to a coroner for investigation if the death is a reportable death, as defined by section 8 of the Act.

I am advised that data from the National Coronial Information System (NCIS) indicates that, between November 2024 and 16 October 2025, three deaths were reported to the Coroners Court of Queensland where the deceased person meets the criteria identified by the member in his question.

I am advised the Coroners Court of Queensland provides detailed data on every reportable death to the NCIS.

I am further advised the NCIS produces mortality statistics on a range of topics, publishes links to research reports developed using NCIS data and provides a searchable database of coronial recommendations.