

## LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF THE NORTHERN TERRITORY

### WRITTEN QUESTION

Ms Walker to the Minister for Health:

#### Response to Coroner's Recommendations

1. Please provide the Department of Health's proposed response to each of the Coroner's recommendations made 14 August 2015 in relation to the Ms Kumantiyari Brown's death in care on 31 October 2014?

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Section 46A(1) of the *Coroners Act* provides that, if the Attorney-General receives a report or recommendation from a Coroner under section 35 that contains comment relating to an agency, the Attorney-General must provide, without delay, a copy of the report or recommendation to the Chief Executive Officer of the relevant agency. The Coroner's recommendations contain comment relating to the Department of Health.

Section 46B of the *Coroners Act* requires that the Chief Executive Officer must, within three months of receiving the recommendation, provide the Attorney-General with a written response, including a statement of the action that the agency is taking, has taken or will take, with respect to the recommendation. The Chief Executive Officer of the Department of Health was provided with the Coroner's recommendations on 7 October 2015, and therefore has until 7 January 2016 to respond.

Upon receipt of the Department of Health's response, a report will be drafted to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly, as is required under section 46B(3) of the *Coroners Act*. Proposed responses are not yet available and the statutory requirements under the *Coroners Act* do not require responses to be provided prior to the three month time limit elapsing.