

Ambulance – Taking Deceased Patients to Mortuaries

Mr JENNER question to MINISTER for HEALTH

A few weeks ago I called into your office and spoke to your colleague regarding an incident in Richmond. It appears that if an ambulance is called in an emergency and the patient dies in the presence of the paramedics, the paramedics cannot take the person to the mortuary. On this occasion the dead man was left there on the nature strip for over four hours before the mortuary van arrived.

This is a totally unacceptable situation and I see no reason why the ambulance cannot take a dead person to hospital. After all, if he had died in the ambulance, it would have been a different matter. I hope you have been able to take this matter up with the Health Minister.