



PREMIER OF TASMANIA

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Dear Mr Di Falco

Thank you for your question to me on 5 November 2025 on behalf of your constituents regarding the R.A. Rodda Museum matter and the distressing circumstances surrounding the unlawful collection and display of autopsy samples. I acknowledge the profound grief and trauma experienced by families affected by these events.

The Government has taken this matter very seriously. A ministerial statement will be made this week to further update the Parliament and the community on the measures that our Government is taking in relation to this matter.

The Coroner's findings in relation to this matter are being reviewed by the Departments of Health and Justice. The Attorney-General has written to the Director of Public Prosecutions and Tasmania Police to make them aware of the Coroner's report and for their consideration of the matter.

I can further advise that the Minister for Health has instructed her Department to undertake further work to establish, as far as possible, the identity of any employees within that Department during the period from the 1950s to the early 1990s who may have been involved in the retention of remains without lawful authority and consent.

I can confirm that the Government intends to develop, in consultation with those affected, an appropriate form of parliamentary apology. This an appropriate step given the pain that those affected have experienced and we will work with all Members of Parliament to ensure a parliamentary apology can occur in an appropriate, sensitive and trauma-informed manner.

I also note that, in May 2025, the Attorney-General announced a review of the Coroners Act 1995, to be undertaken by the Tasmanian Law Review Institute (TLRI). I am advised that he has written to the TLRI to ensure that families affected by this troubling matter have the opportunity to contribute to the review.

I again extend my sincere sympathy to all families impacted by these events. Thank you for raising this matter on their behalf.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeremy Rockliff'.

Jeremy Rockliff MP
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