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## QUESTIONS

### R.A. Rodda Museum - Support and Compensation for Families

**Ms WEBB question to LEADER for the GOVERNMENT in the LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, Ms RATTRAY**

[2.52 p.m.]

Thank you, Mr President. I have another set of questions I have an answer to, apparently from the Leader of the Government.

Noting the September 2025 Tasmanian Coronial Findings Report in relation to human remains retained following coronial autopsies between 1966 and 1991 at the R.A. Rodda Museum, and noting the formal parliamentary apology provided on 19 May 2026, can the government please:

1. Confirm whether ongoing support, counselling, mediation or any other ongoing discussions surrounding support needed are occurring between the government and affected family members of those whose remains have been part of the R.A. Rodda Museum illegal body parts collection?

2. Detail whether the Government

    a. Is considering any financial redress or other reparation for affected family members. And if not, why not?

    b. Has undertaken any modelling or costing of any potential appropriate financial redress or other reparation and if not, why not?

3. Detail whether a form of appropriate memorial is being actively considered and if so, what consultation with affected family members is being planned or is under way?

**ANSWER**

Thank you, Mr President.

Answer to question 1. Following the parliamentary apology, the government established a voluntary trauma-informed direct personal response process. This provides an opportunity for affected individuals and families to explain the impact of what occurred, have their experiences personally acknowledged, receive a personal acknowledgement or apology and ask questions and receive answers where these can be properly provided. Participants may involve a support person and the Department of Health can discuss how the process might be adapted to their individual needs, and there is no obligation to participate before they feel ready. Engagement with affected families is continuing, including responding to requests for further information and discussing the support available and arrangements for direct personal

responses.

2(a) The government's response has focused on acknowledging the harm through the parliamentary apology providing ongoing counselling and psychological support, offering direct personal responses and referring relevant information to be appropriate independent authorities for consideration. The government is not considering establishing a specific redress scheme in response to these events.

(b) No modelling or costing of financial compensation, redress, or other reparations has been undertaken as a specific redress scheme is not being considered.

(2) The Tasmanian government is sensitive to the needs and wishes of families affected by this matter and recognises that there are differing, deeply held views about the establishment of a memorial. Some families have expressed strong support for a memorial to acknowledge their loved ones. Other families have expressed strong opposition, making clear that they do not wish their loved ones to be remembered in connection with the unlawful retention of remains. The government continues to work with affected families on an individual basis, and any consideration of a memorial must be approached with care and sensitivity, respecting the diversity of family views and their wishes about how their loved ones are remembered.