

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

CORONERS BILL 2008

(Amendments to be proposed in Committee by Mr RICH-PHILLIPS)

1. Clause 3, page 4, line 6, omit "suspected death" insert "still-birth and suspected death and suspected still-birth".
2. Clause 3, page 4, lines 7 to 10, omit all words and expressions on these lines and insert "**Note**".
3. Clause 3, page 4, line 11, omit "2 See" and insert "See".
4. Clause 3, page 10, after line 16 insert—

"*still-birth* means the birth of a still-born child;  
*still-born child* means a child of at least 20 weeks' gestation or, if it cannot be reliably established whether the period of gestation is more or less than 20 weeks, with a body mass of at least 400 grams at birth, that exhibits no sign of respiration or heartbeat, or other sign of life, after birth;"
5. Clause 4, page 13, after line 5 insert—

"(3) Despite subsections (1) and (2), a still-birth or suspected still-birth is not a reportable death."
6. Clause 5, after line 23 insert—

"( ) Despite subsection (1), a still-birth or a suspected still-birth is not a reviewable death."
7. Clause 12, line 6, omit "**General obligation to report death**" and insert "**Reporting of reportable deaths and still-births**".
8. Clause 12, line 7, before "A person" insert "(1)".
9. Clause 12, after line 11 insert—

"(2) A mother of a still-born child may report the still-birth to a coroner if—

  - (a) the still-birth appears to have been unexpected or unnatural or violent or to have resulted directly or indirectly from an accident or injury; or
  - (b) the still-birth occurred—
    - (i) during a medical procedure; or
    - (ii) following a medical procedure where the death is or may be causally related to the medical procedure—

and a registered medical practitioner would not, immediately before the procedure was undertaken, have reasonably expected the death.

(3) In subsection (2) *still-birth* includes suspected still-birth."

10. Clause 14, after line 7 insert—

"( ) A coroner may investigate a still-birth or suspected still-birth reported to the coroner under section 12(2)."