

Mr HARVEY: In respect of funeral homes?

CHAIR: Yes.

Mr HARVEY: No. We have nothing to do with the funeral homes. They are private businesses, run by private organisations.

CHAIR: You do not inspect the mortuary?

Mr HARVEY: No, not at all. Whether the health department does—

CHAIR: Oh, I see. When I say "you", I mean also the council.

Mr HARVEY: Whether the health department does, I am not absolutely sure I can answer that.

Mr SULICICH: Again, I could not answer that either, but we can certainly find out.

The Hon. KAYEE GRIFFIN: I think that question particularly relates to, in another area of council, whether or not there are yearly inspections in relation to mortuaries. I know there have been some changes over the years in relation to the approvals processes by council for funeral directors and so on, but the issue from the Committee's point of view is whether or not part of council undertakes inspections of any mortuaries that are operating within the Broken Hill City Council local government area. Are there any other inspections that either relate to funeral directors' mortuaries or are there other inspections that, even though the council controls the crematorium and the cemetery, the council might undertake in relation to the crematorium and might be outside your responsibility?

Mr HARVEY: Once again, the crematorium is privately owned, so we do not have anything to do within inspections of crematoriums or funeral homes, which are all privately owned.

The Hon. KAYEE GRIFFIN: So basically council just has control of the cemetery?

Mr HARVEY: That is right.

The Hon. KAYEE GRIFFIN: Perhaps that is a question that needs to be taken on notice— whether or not council does undertake building inspections in relation to the crematorium and also in relation to the funeral directors or the mortuaries.

Mr HARVEY: Yes, we can find out.

CHAIR: Yes, please.

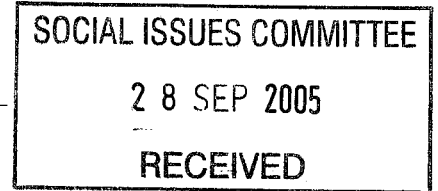
The Hon. Dr ARTHUR CHESTERFIELD-EVANS: From health, not the council. You said that the council does not do this....

The Hon. KAYEE GRIFFIN: Yes, it does. It is the environmental services part of council that has the responsibility.

[Interruption]

CHAIR: I am sorry, but our procedures do not allow us to accept answers from the floor. What we can do though is get someone to take the oath or affirmation and get some answers, if we have time. Because of all the rules about parliamentary procedure and privilege and so on, we have a transcript and we swear people in. We will see if we can do that later because I think it would make things a bit easier. What sort of land is the cemetery and crematorium on? Is it reserve land, council land or freehold land? What is the status of the land, do you know?

Mr HARVEY: I am not absolutely sure about that, but I can find that out as well.



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