



Quiz

Civil Law Policy relating to Coronial Inquests

1. Which of the following is not a specific circumstance provided under section 23 of the *Coroners Act* 2009 (NSW) for which a coroner has the jurisdiction to hold an inquest?
 - a. The death of a person temporarily absent from prison in a hospital
 - b. The death of a person trying to escape police custody
 - c. The death of a person of indigenous origin
 - d. The death of a person in transit to prison
2. Which of the following was a recommendation of the Royal Commission into Aboriginal Deaths in Custody in 1987?
 - a. Mandatory inquests to be conducted following a death in custody
 - b. Powers for coroners to compel the production of documents
 - c. An endorsement of the common law policy for a coroner to attach recommendations to findings
 - d. All of the above
3. What is the effect of the recent amendments to legal aid policy in relation to deaths in custody?
 - a. Legal aid will only be available in matters where there is some public interest to be advanced

- b. Legal aid is available to all indigenous families when there has been a death of their family member in custody
 - c. Legal aid is available to all families when there has been a death of a family member in custody
 - d. Legal aid is available to any person who has a vested interest in the death of a person in custody
- 4. Which of the following is true in relation to the discretionary powers of the coroner?
 - a. Whether an inquest is held into a death in custody is at the complete discretion of the coroner
 - b. The coroner has no discretionary powers and an inquest must be held into any matter which is reported to the coroner
 - c. A coroner may dispense with an inquest if the deceased's identity, date and place of death are known
 - d. A coroner cannot dispense with any inquest relating to a death in custody
- 5. Is there a legislative requirement in NSW for governmental departments and institutions to act on recommendations of the coroner?
 - a. There is no such legislative requirement in NSW
 - b. Yes, within 3 months of a recommendation being made
 - c. Yes, within 6 months of a recommendation being made
 - d. Yes, once the recommendation is made public

Answers:

1. C 2. D 3. B 4. D 5. A