

MINISTER FOR POLICE; CORRECTIVE SERVICES; RACING AND GAMING; DEFENCE INDUSTRY; VETERANS ISSUES

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Ms Dawn Wright coroner@justice.wa.gov.au

Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your correspondence of 7 June 2024 regarding inquest into the death of Cameron Anthony Fyfe.

I note State Coroner Fogliani's findings, which include four recommendations for the Western Australia Police Force. The first recommendation addresses authorizing officers in the Road Policing Motorcycle Group to store their issued firearms at home and implementing mental health risk assessments for these officers. The remaining three recommendations focus on proactive engagement with mental health issues, improving services, and enhancing education for officers.

The recommendations have been shared with the relevant personnel in the WA Police Force Road Policing Command and the Health Welfare and Safety Division.

Road Policing Command is reviewing this recommendation to establish contemporary best practices for mental health risk assessments of motorcycle police officers and the storage of their firearms. The results of this review might influence whether these officers will need to start work from home and, consequently, if they need to take their firearms home. Once the review is complete, its findings will be provided to me as the Minister for Police.

Recommendations 2, 3, and 4 have been accepted by the WA Police Force. Over the past two to three years, the Police Health Welfare and Safety Division has taken significant steps to improve services and reduce stigma for officers experiencing mental distress. Efforts in this area are ongoing and are continually reviewed based on evidence and research.

I trust this clarifies the position of the WA Police Force.

Yours sincerely

HON PAUL PAPALIA CSC MLA MINISTER FOR POLICE

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