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PERTH CORONERS COURT

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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter of 30 December 2014 in relation to the inquest finding for "BC" (name suppressed) which informed me of the five recommendations made by the Deputy State Coroner.

Given the short timeframe from the release of the inquest findings (17 December 2014), it is too soon to comment on specific actions that have been taken in response to the Coroner's recommendations.

I can advise that the Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee will be reviewing the findings at a meeting scheduled later this month. Following this, WA Health services will be responsible for developing strategies that are necessary to implement the relevant recommendations.

Furthermore, the Department of Health's Coronial Liaison Unit coordinates WA Health's response to the State Coroner on action taken with respect to the recommendations arising from coronial inquests. Any actions taken by WA Health services in relation to the recommendations will be included in the Coronial Liaison Unit's routine six-monthly reports to the State Coroner; the next one being due in February 2015.

I trust that this information, and that provided in the ongoing six-monthly reports, will assist the Coroner to fulfil the annual reporting requirements to the Attorney General.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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