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Dear Ms Fogliani

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to the recommendations made by the Coroner following the Inquest into the Death of Desmond Richard Kickett.

Coroner Jenkin made the following recommendations relating to the passenger pods attached to police vehicles:

1. The Police should take all necessary steps to ensure that all passenger pods attached to police vehicles are fitted with cameras capable of recording CCTV footage and that footage should be recorded whenever a person is placed into the passenger pod.
2. The Police should take all necessary steps to ensure that all passenger pods attached to police vehicles are fitted with lighting that switches on as soon as a person is placed into the pod, and stays on. The lighting should be designed so as to not drain the police vehicle's battery, so that the light can remain on even when the vehicle is stationary, in the event that there is any delay at the scene.

I am advised that the WA Police Force has accepted the Coroner's two recommendations and is currently in the process modernising its supply and delivery of detainee modules to meet the Coroner's recommendations, including fitted cameras capable of recording CCTV footage that records whenever a person is placed in the passenger pod, and lighting that switches on and stays on when a person is placed inside that does not drain the battery of the vehicle.

Yours sincerely

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