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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter regarding Coroner Linton's Finding into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Ryan Philip Scrivener and her recommendation relating to a secondary 24/7 on-call negotiator service for the Western Australia Police Force.

I referred Coroner Linton's report to the WA Police Force and am advised that this recommendation arose due to the family wanting to be involved in the Negotiation process, known as Third Party Intervention (TPI). The Coroner found that the requirement for the primary negotiator to be located at a forward position limits their ability to liaise with family, friends and third parties to obtain information which may be useful in implementing a TPI strategy. Further, a second negotiator is able to assist the primary negotiator with equipment and communication.

The WA Police Force Tactical Response Group Negotiators Unit provide training to all metropolitan On-Call Negotiators and maintain a 24/7 On-Call response roster, drawing from trained officers across the WA Police Force. An officer is paid On-Call allowance and provided with a departmental vehicle to enable response from her/his residence to the incident. In relation to a second On-Call Negotiator, in March 2019 the Officer in Charge of TRG issued an instruction that, "...the On-Call Negotiator can recall another Negotiator from the roster when they have attended the incident and determined they will require advice, support or they will need to have breaks..."

The WA Police Force is supportive of the Coroner's recommendation and is considering the implementation of a second On-Call Negotiator for the metropolitan area.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on the Coroner's recommendation.

Yours sincerely

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