



**MINISTER FOR POLICE; CORRECTIVE SERVICES; DEFENCE INDUSTRY;
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Dear Ms MacDonald

Thank you for your letter dated 5 April 2023 advising of Coroner Rosalinda Fogliani's completion of the Inquest into the death of Mr Seth Gregory Yeeda.

I can advise the Department of Justice (**the Department**) has finalised responses to the recommendations. I have reviewed the responses and progress updates and I am satisfied with the responses, progress made and planned actions to further address the recommendations.

The attached document (**Coronial Recommendations**) provides an overview of the Department's response to each of the respective recommendations and the planned actions the Department intends to take. The Department will continue to monitor progress against the recommendations though regular reporting.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment: *Coronial Recommendations*

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Attachment 1: Inquest into Death of Seth Gregory Yeeda
Department's progress against Coronial Recommendations – Yeeda

Recommendation No. 1

That the Department of Justice and the WA Country Health Service consider working together, and with such other entities as they may consider appropriate, to facilitate the provision of information concerning the status of external referrals and outcomes of external appointments to the Department of Justice (Health Services), and that issues of confidentiality be addressed, to progress the Referral

Progress Update

The implementation of the Referral Tracking System (RTS) remains a priority for the Department of Justice (**the Department**) and communications between the Department of Health (DoH) and the Department are ongoing with the DoH recently supplying a report setting out the proposed inclusions and capabilities within the RTS. The Department has returned this report requesting that additional information be included within this scope of works.

The Department will continue to track progress and monitor this recommendation until completion.

Recommendation No. 2

I recommend that the Department of Justice considers allocating sufficient resources to enable a project team to be established to finalise the work currently being undertaken by Dr Rowland to progress the Referral Tracking System.

Progress Update

The Department continues to progress the RTS and has allocated a project officer to this scope of work. The project officer commenced work on tracking and updating the progress of referrals made to the DoH Client Referral Service and other external health providers. The additional resource will support the Department in progressing the establishment and implementation of the RTS.

The Department will continue to track progress and monitor this recommendation until completion.

Recommendation No. 3

That the Department of Justice considers the feasibility of making a list available to custodial officers that outlines any Alerts as to the unfitness for sport or work, that confidentiality issues be addressed, and that guidance be given to the officers on the purpose and expected response to such an Alert (for example, guidance as to when an officer ought to act in a particular way).

Progress Update

All prisoners identified as unfit for sport/work or unfit for upper bunk occupancy have an alert listed on their Total Offender Management Solutions (TOMS) profile. This information is displayed on the front page of a prisoner's profile and is easily accessible to staff working at the facility. Additionally, TOMS has a reporting function whereby staff can run and print a report identifying those prisoners that are restricted from engaging in a particular activity. This information can then be used by Officers to inform the management of such prisoners.

The Department's Commissioner's Operating Policies and Procedures (COPPs) provide officers with guidance on how prisoners with fitness medical alerts are managed. This includes COPP 8.2 – *Prison Based Constructive Activities*, requiring officers to consider the suitability of prisoners' engagement and participation in certain activities such as work and recreation. The Department now considers this recommendation as closed.