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Ms Ros Fogliani
State Coroner
Level 10 Central Law Courts
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Dear Ms Fogliani

Thank you for the letter regarding Coroner Jenkin's Finding into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr Thorvald Anthony Nielsen and the recommendations relating to the Tactical Response Group (TRG).

I forwarded a copy of your correspondence and Coroner Jenkin's report to the Western Australia Police Force and drew their attention to the recommendations.

Prior to any deployment, all vehicles being used in a TRG operation should be checked to ensure that between them, those vehicles are carrying a sufficient number of medical/first aid kits.

The WA Police Force advise all TRG vehicles have been equipped with Vehicle Trauma Kits.

As a matter of urgency, the TRG should consider developing standard operating procedures (SOP's) with respect to snatch arrest operations and these SOP's should include a requirement to consider the safety of any person assisting the Police, as well as any bystanders. To the extent that the TRG's current resources are insufficient to enable the timely development of SOP's in relation to snatch arrests, those resources should be made available to the TRG immediately.

The WA Police Force advise the Officer in Charge of the TRG is consulting Australian law enforcement agencies to finalise the procedures.

Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to comment on the recommendations.

Yours sincerely

HON MICHELLE ROBERTS MLA
MINISTER FOR POLICE; ROAD SAFETY

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