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**Minister for Health; Mental Health**

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Dear Mr Hurley

Thank you for your correspondence of 3 June 2026 regarding Coroner Nelson's findings and recommendations in relation to the inquest into the death of Mr Quiterio. I note the two recommendations made by the coroner.

On 23 June 2026, the Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee met to review the findings. Members noted progress on the Coronial recommendations, including ongoing statewide work to improve responses for people experiencing complex mental health and neurodiverse conditions. This included work underway by the Mental Health and Alcohol and Other Drugs Joint Leadership Group (JLG) which has endorsed priority actions within public mental health settings such as:

- Approaches to education and training for mental health staff on evidence-based interventions consistent with neurodiverse consumer needs across all age groups.
- The establishment of early intervention, case planning and ongoing care pathways for young people (aged 16-24 years) with mental health conditions and co-occurring complexities, including neurodiversity.
- The development of a policy position on neurodiverse-affirming care, including assessment and diagnosis.

The North Metropolitan Health Service (NMHS) has been tasked with developing a feasibility study to assess the introduction of a Neuropsychiatric Consultation Liaison Service for adult mental health consumers. This work has significantly progressed with the next phase involving a pilot within a Community Mental Health Services clinic. Findings from the pilot will inform consideration of broader implementation.

Members also noted work underway to strengthen lived experience initiatives across the health systems. This includes the development of agency-specific Lived Experience Inclusion Plans by all Health Service Providers, the Department of Health and the Mental Health Commission to support long-term organisational culture change, strengthen lived experience engagement in governance, policy, service design and decision-making, and support ongoing development and sustainability of the Lived Experience workforces.

A summary of actions taken by the Western Australian public health system in response to the recommendations will be included in the Coronial Liaison Unit's routine six-monthly progress reports to the State Coroner, which is due to be provided in August 2026.

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

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Meredith Hammat', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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