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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter of 6 June 2014 in relation to the inquest finding for Lynn Desmond Ernest CHURCH which informed me of the recommendation made by the Coroner.

Given the short timeframe from the release of the inquest findings (3 June 2014), it is too soon to comment on specific actions that have been taken in response to the Coroner's recommendation.

I can advise that the Office of the Chief Psychiatrist has engaged with Ramsay Health (Joondalup Health Campus) about this case in order to facilitate discussion about any appropriate corrective actions and is currently awaiting a response.

The Department of Health's Coronial Liaison Unit coordinates the department's response to the State Coroner on action taken with respect to the recommendations arising from coronial inquests. Any actions taken by WA Health services in relation to the recommendation will be included in the Coronial Liaison Unit's routine six-monthly reports to the State Coroner; the next one being due in August 2014.

Furthermore, the Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee will be reviewing the findings at a meeting scheduled later this month. Based on this discussion, appropriate WA Health stakeholders will be asked to consider the inquest findings and provide a response.

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

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

11 JUL 2014

Helen Morton MLC
MINISTER FOR MENTAL HEALTH