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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your correspondence received 8 February 2019 regarding the Inquest into the deaths of 13 children and young people in the Kimberley region. I apologise for the delay in my response, as I referred the correspondence and report to the Department of Communities to provide me with a detailed briefing and advice.

I acknowledge the work of the Coroner and her Office in undertaking this Inquest and have noted the recommendations listed. The findings require all levels of government, the community services sector, Aboriginal families, communities and organisations to work together to reduce the vulnerability of young Aboriginal people in the Kimberley.

As you may be aware, a whole-of-government response is being prepared to address each of the recommendations in the final report and I understand this response will be published shortly. This response is being led by the Hon Roger Cook MLA as Deputy Premier and coordinated by the Aboriginal Policy and Coordination Unit at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet.

If you have any further queries regarding this matter, please contact Ms Kate Alderton, Director of the Aboriginal Policy and Coordination Unit at the Department of the Premier and Cabinet, by email at Kate.Alderton@dpc.wa.gov.au or telephone on (08) 6552 5280.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

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