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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter dated 23 July 2019 regarding Recommendations 1 and 2 of Coroner Linton's Finding arising from the Inquest into the death of Ms Annabel Nicol.

I understand that the State Coroner wishes to refer to the implementation or otherwise of the recommendations made by Coroner Linton in the Office of the State Coroner Annual Report.

With regards to Recommendations 1 and 2 made by Coroner Linton:

1. *The Government commit funding to the establishment of a subacute mental health unit in Bandyup Women's Prison, properly staffed with a multidisciplinary mental health team, as a matter of priority.*

I can advise that this recommendation is under consideration by the Government. The recommendation of having a subacute mental health unit at Bandyup Women's Prison will be considered in light of budgeting and funding priorities within the Department of Justice as well as across Government agencies.

2. *The Government commit funding to establish a 'female only' secure forensic mental health unit as a matter of priority.*

I have reviewed and considered Coroner Linton's Finding. I recognise the identified need for a female only secure forensic mental health unit. Given the difficulties experienced by the Frankland Centre to provide adequate treatment to female patients, this recommendation is a matter for the Minister for Mental Health to consider. Hence, I have forwarded your correspondence to the Hon. Roger Cook MLA for his consideration.

Once again, thank you for your correspondence and for providing me with a copy of the Coroner Linton's Finding.

Yours sincerely

**HON FRANCIS LOGAN MLA
MINISTER FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES; CORRECTIVE SERVICES**

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