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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter dated 16 December 2016 regarding the completion of the coronial inquest into the circumstances surrounding the death of Ms Dhu. I note the recommendations made by State Coroner Ros Fogliani.

As noted in the findings, the Department of Health is committed to strengthening procedures that support the health and wellbeing of detainees, and facilitate the provision of sufficient information to manage their care whilst in police custody.

I can advise that the Department of Health's Coronial Review Committee is due to review the findings early in 2017. The Committee will determine what actions should be taken at a system level to address the recommendations. Any actions taken by the Department of Health in relation to the recommendations will be included in the Department of Health's routine six-monthly progress reports to the State Coroner.

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.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

**JOHN DAY
MINISTER FOR HEALTH;
CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

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