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Dear Ms Wright

Thank you for your letter of 27 January 2015 regarding the inquest finding for Petra ZELE, which informed me of the recommendation made by Coroner Linton.

Given the short timeframe from the release of the inquest findings (15 January 2015), 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 Department of Health's (DOH) Coronial Review Committee will be reviewing the findings at a meeting scheduled later this month. Following this, the relevant stakeholders will be responsible for developing strategies that are necessary to implement the recommendation.

Furthermore, the DOH's Coronial Liaison Unit coordinates the DOH response to the State Coroner on action taken with respect to the recommendations arising from coronial inquests. Any actions taken by DOH services in relation to the recommendation will be included in the Coronial Liaison Unit's routine six-monthly reports to the State Coroner.

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

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**DEPUTY PREMIER  
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