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Dear Mr Roberts,

Re: Investigation in to the death of Alyssa Chan – RACP response

In response to the letter of 19 December 2012 regarding recommendations made by the coroner as a result of the inquest in to the death of Alyssa Chan, please find the Royal Australasian College of Physicians Paediatrics & Child Health Division (Division) response as follows.

Of the eight recommendations provided in the report 'Finding into Death Inquest' one recommendation (1) is specific to the Division:

1. *Royal Australasian College of Physicians Paediatrics & Child Health Division and the Royal Australasian College of General Practitioners advise paediatricians and general practitioners that all babies who present with unresolved conjugated jaundice at about eight weeks, particularly those for whom liver biopsy is being considered, should undergo further plasma amino acid screening to exclude the possibility that their symptoms are associated with Type II citrullinaemia.*

In response the following was published in the weekly Division e-newsletter (Pot-Pourri) that was sent to just over 3000 Fellows and trainees on 18 January 2013; attention was drawn to this item in the opening Message from the President:

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Coroner's recommendation to RACP from the Coroners Court of Victoria

RACP has been asked to disseminate the following recommendation from a recent coronial investigation in Victoria:

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Yours sincerely



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