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Judge Jennifer Coate
Victorian State Coroner
Level 1, 436 Lonsdale Street
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Dear Judge Coate

Response to recommendation 8 of the findings of the Inquest into the death of Tyler Jordan Cassidy

I refer to a letter received from the Coroner's Registrar enclosing a copy of findings arising out of the inquest into the death of Tyler Jordan Cassidy.

In respect to recommendation 8 of those findings, I advise that the recommendation is under consideration and I expect to be able to provide a final response to that recommendation by 30 September 2012. This delay is necessary to allow further consultation between the Department of Justice, Victoria Police, the Victorian Bar Council and other relevant bodies, such as the Office of Police Integrity and to take into account training requirements for legally qualified persons who may be called upon to attend interviews of police officers involved in deaths following police contact; potential models for the administration of such an arrangement and funding implications from such a scheme (as it is unlikely that the scheme would operate on a *pro bono* basis).

If you or your office require further information, the departmental officer responsible for this proposal is Mr John Frigo, who can be contacted on 8684 1027 or by email at john.frigo@justice.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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