

The Hon. Natalie Hutchins MP

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20 September 2021

His Honour John Cain State Coroner Coroners Court of Victoria 65 Kavanagh Street SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear State Coroner Cain

I refer to your letter of 5 August 2021 where you forwarded to the Minister for Corrections, the Hon. Natalie Hutchins, a copy of your findings and recommendation following your investigation into the death of the Minister has asked me to respond to you and I apologise for the delay in doing so.

As you know, the Secretary of the Department of Justice and Community Safety is required to respond in writing to the Coroner's Court within three months of receipt of the investigation's findings and recommendations.

Consideration of your recommendation about an electronic case management system to support the monitoring of an offender's compliance with their Community Correction Order (CCO) is underway. I am aware this recommendation is the same as one of the two recommendations made by Deputy State Coroner English in the inquest into the death of Ms Kylie Cay, and that further Coronial investigations have made similar recommendations following deaths involving offenders on CCOs.

Thank you for bringing the Coronial investigation's findings and recommendations in relation to the death of to the Minister's attention.

Yours sincerely

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Madonna Morton

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