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Court Reference:
COR 2018 5661
COR 2018 5663

Coroners Support Services
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Sanderson,

Please find below the Australian Federal Police (AFP) response to the inquest into the deaths of Sestilio Malaspina and Hassan Shire Ali, COR 2018 5661 and COR 2018 5663. As per section 72(3) of the *Coroners Act 2008 (Vic)*, the AFP is required to provide a written response no later than three months from the date of 28 June 2021.

Pursuant to section 72(4) of this act, the AFP is providing this statement of action in relation to recommendation six, which is under consideration, namely,

That Victoria Police and its national security intelligence partners consider developing a joint review process where an actual or attempted terrorist incident has occurred to identify any opportunities for improvement.

The AFP is supportive of working with Victoria Police and national security intelligence partners to consider the development of a policy that informs any joint review mechanism, following an actual or attempted terrorist incident, to identify opportunities for improvement.

The counter terrorism threat environment and national counter terrorism framework is inherently multi-jurisdictional and as such the proposed development of this policy will likely have implications for multi-jurisdictional partners through the national counter terrorism governance arrangements. This is because of the comprehensive nature of counter-terrorism information sharing arrangements in each jurisdiction and nationally where counter-terrorism information sharing can occur through regular bi-lateral agency exchange outside the single jurisdiction's Joint Counter Terrorism Team (JCTT) framework.

As a result, the AFP will collaborate with Victoria Police and national security partners on Victorian arrangements, whilst also considering it appropriate to refer this recommendation to the Australia and New Zealand Counter Terrorism Committee (ANZCTC) for consideration nationally. The

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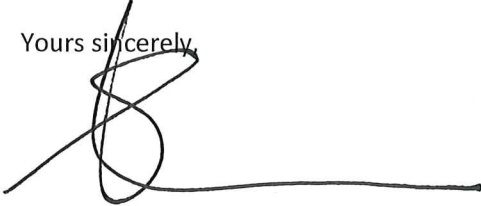
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ANZCTC's role is to coordinate effective national counter terrorism capabilities, structures and policy, and is responsible for maintaining effective arrangements for the sharing of relevant intelligence and information between all relevant agencies and jurisdictions.

I will be the primary contact person for the AFP responsible for the consideration of this recommendation. I am contactable via telephone 02 5126 0000 or email Scott.Lee@afp.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,



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