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Coroner David Ryan
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Dear Coroner Ryan

I refer to your findings and recommendation delivered on 2 September 2022 about the death of Mr (Billy) Bazouni at St Vincent's Hospital on 6 July 2016.

The Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS) has considered and accepts your recommendation.

DJCS has identified several opportunities to strengthen existing policies, processes and practices to ensure health providers and custodial staff are aware of the importance of timely information sharing and the limitations around privacy obligations.

These include amending *Commissioner's Requirement 1.3.7 – Emergency Management* to prescribe that an emergency exercise be undertaken annually with a prison's health provider/s, reviewing each prison's local orientation sessions/material to ensure adequate information is provided to health staff about the importance of timely information sharing, and revising policies and practice guides related to Health Information Sharing.

It is expected that work to address these opportunities will be completed by March 2023.

Should you require any further information, please contact the Office of the General Counsel at ogc@justice.vic.gov.au

Yours sincerely

Peta McCammon
Acting Secretary

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