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Her Honour State Coroner Liberty Sanger OAM
Coroners Court of Victoria
65 Kavanagh Street
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Dear State Coroner

I refer to your *Findings without Inquest* into the death of [REDACTED] dated, 11 September 2025.

Of the two recommendations arising from your findings, I note that Recommendation 2 was directed to Corrections Victoria, a business unit within the Department of Justice and Community Safety (DJCS). DJCS accepts Recommendation 2 in principle.

Your recommendation proposes that Corrections Victoria investigate and implement a system to provide real-time (or near real-time) notifications to Victoria Police when offenders are released from prison. DJCS supports the intent of improving the timeliness and quality of information sharing to assist Victoria Police in assessing and managing family violence risk. However, implementing a real-time push notification system would require significant system upgrades across both the justice and policing sectors, including major redevelopment of existing IT infrastructure, and coordinated investment across agencies. These changes are substantial and cannot be delivered within current operational capability and resourcing.

I note that Victoria Police has advised the Court that the timeliness of their intelligence is constrained by the fact that Corrections Victoria data is updated only once per week, that can delay their ability to identify and monitor high-risk family violence perpetrators upon release. I note that Victoria Police already receive release-related information through existing mechanisms. The Victoria Police Prison Intelligence Unit (VPPIU) has direct access to Corrections Victoria's Prisoner Information Management System (PIMS), enabling Victoria Police to generate a list of people in custody who are due for release in real time and to distribute this information internally to support their risk assessment processes. Corrections Victoria will communicate with Victoria Police to ensure that this existing functionality is understood.

DJCS also notes the Family Violence Death Assessment (FDA) recommendation for Victoria Police to review the effectiveness of weekly post-release monitoring settings and acknowledges Victoria Police's implementation of the Family Violence Prison Release Tool (FVPR Tool) to strengthen proactive risk assessment. DJCS would welcome the opportunity to support Victoria Police in further strengthening these processes, noting the important role cross-agency collaboration plays in reducing risk and improving victim-survivor safety.

In accepting Recommendation 2 in principle, DJCS remains committed to working collaboratively with Victoria Police to explore opportunities to enhance the timeliness, automation and consistency of release-related information sharing. Any advancement toward real-time notifications or near-real-time capability would, however, require whole-of-government planning, multi-agency system redesign and future investment.

Should you require any further information, please contact Melissa Westin, Deputy Commissioner, Custodial Operations Division, Corrections Victoria [REDACTED]
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If DJCS's response is to be published on the court's website, we would be grateful if Ms Westin's mobile and email address could be redacted.

Yours sincerely



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Secretary

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