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Ms. Bryant

Investigation into the death of Maryam Hamka – COR 2023 003537

I write in response to the findings made by State Coroner Judge Sanger on 27 February 2026 in relation to the passing of Ms Maryam Hamka and the recommendation made to the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department).

I would like to express my deep condolences to Ms Hamka's family and loved ones for the pain and loss they are enduring.

With respect to State Coroner Judge Sanger's recommendation directed to the department, please find below the department's response.

Recommendation 2: That the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing provide ongoing funding for long-term perpetrator interventions that provide holistic, wrap around supports, such as the Changing Ways pilot.

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

The department supports the intent of this recommendation and its premise that family violence perpetrator interventions will be strengthened by holistic, wrap around supports.

The Changing Ways serious risk pilot program, which provides intensive, coordinated responses to serious risk adult perpetrators of family violence and the victim survivor(s) they impact, is currently funded to continue until the end of 2026-27. The Changing Ways program has been independently evaluated, and program evaluation will inform continuous improvement of program design and delivery.

As part of the Strengthening Women's Safety Package, the department is also co-leading, with the Department of Justice and Community Safety, a Landmark Perpetrator Study (the study). The study will explore the latest evidence on behaviours and motivations of people using family violence, with a view to improving interventions across the justice system and community-based responses. The study will help to ensure Victoria's suite of interventions is

contemporary, effective and accessible to people who use violence from a range of backgrounds and experiences, and across the spectrum of risk. The study commenced in May 2026.

The Changing Ways evaluation and the Landmark Perpetrator Study will both provide important evidence to inform future decisions about the most effective behaviour interventions for Victoria, noting that any further expansion of the Changing Ways program or any similar holistic intervention is subject to future Victorian Government funding decisions.

If you require further information, please contact Melanie Heenan, Deputy Secretary, Family Safety Victoria at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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