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Subject: Maryam Hamka- Finding into Death without Inquest
Court Reference: COR 2023 003537
Date of Findings: 27 February 2026

Dear Judge Sanger

Victoria Police response to the recommendation arising from the coronial investigation into the death of Maryam Hamka

This letter provides a response to the recommendation directed to Victoria Police arising from the investigation into the death of Maryam Hamka, delivered on 27 February 2026.

Recommendation

Victoria Police engage an external independent suitably qualified person to conduct an evaluation of both the CPRM Version 3, and of the effectiveness and skillset of the FVIUs and that the Victorian Government adequately fund and resource this evaluation.

Response to recommendation

1. Victoria Police accepts the recommendation in principle.

External independent evaluation

2. Version 3 of the CPRM is currently being rolled out within Victoria Police. An independent evaluation is also underway, being conducted by Swinburne University of Technology, to assess whether the model is operating as intended.
3. Victoria Police acknowledges the importance of independent external evaluation in assessing the effectiveness and skillset of Family Violence Investigation Units (**FVIUs**). However, the timing of any such evaluation is critical and must be carefully planned to ensure meaningful and optimal outcomes.
4. Version 3 of the CPRM also introduces significant new training for FVIUs, which will require sufficient time to be embedded in operational practice before the effectiveness of those changes can be properly assessed.

Funding by Victorian Government

5. Victoria Police notes that any decision to commission additional further external evaluations is contingent on the availability of funding and resources and will be considered in the context of broader organisational priorities and whole-of-government considerations.

Yours sincerely,



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