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**Subject:** SMART, Krisinda  
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Ms Audrey Jamieson,

I write in response to Recommendations 2 and 3 which arose from your findings at the inquest into the death of Krisinda Smart as outlined below:

**Recommendation 2 :** *With the aim of supporting the Department of Health and Human Services to undertake more informed risk assessments for High Risk Youth, that the Chief Commissioner of Police and the Department of Health and Human Services, if they have not done so, establish a 'working party' between two organisations to undertake a feasibility study to determine whether a warning flag for 'high risk' children under the care of the Department of Health and Human Services can be included on the LEAP database.*

**Recommendation 3:** *I recommend, if it has not already been done, the Chief Commissioner of Police provide Academy based training that included the circumstances of Mr Naisbitt and Constable Anderson's interaction with Krisinda on 17 January 2008 to help prevent Victoria Police members from making the same or similar mistakes in the future such as those made by Mr Naisbitt.*

#### **Victoria Police Response**

Victoria Police supports these recommendations and will action both through the Victoria Police Priority Communities Division as follows:

#### **'At Risk' Young Persons Warning Flag**

Priority Communities Division in collaboration with the Family Violence Command (FVC) will progress the proposal for a working party to assess the feasibility of a Person Warning Flag for 'At risk' Young Persons at the joint Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)/Victoria Police High Risk Vulnerable Children and Young Person's Committee. The outcomes of this will then be considered by the Victoria Police Person of Interest and Personal Warning Flags Committee.

#### **Development of Case Study /Scenario**

The Priority Communities Division will liaise with the Assistant Commissioner, People Development Command to facilitate the development of a scenario based on police interactions with Krisinda Smart shortly before her death so that it can be utilised as a case study within the curriculum and other professional development programs.

Yours sincerely,

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