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Dear Mr Munro

Thank you for your letter of 14 June 2016 providing me with a copy of Coroner Jamieson's findings without inquest including recommendations into the death of Ronak Warty.

The Andrews Labor Government is committed to food safety, and in particular, safe food management practices with respect to food allergens, and I was deeply saddened to learn of Ronak's death.

I understand that the Department of Health and Human Services (the department) has responded to the Coroner separately with respect to recommendations one, two and three, which were addressed directly to the Secretary.

Coroner Jamieson's fourth recommendation pertains to the introduction of legislation in order to drive the implementation of recommendations one and two - a mandatory reporting system from hospitals to the department's Food Safety Unit with respect to the notification of anaphylactic allergic reactions to food allergens in packaged foods.

Earlier this year, I commissioned a review to analyse how the department oversees and supports quality and safety of care across the Victorian hospital system. The final report of the panel, led by Dr Stephen Duckett, *Targeting zero: the review into hospital safety and quality assurance* provides a blueprint for sweeping reforms which are now underway to overhaul action and leadership in the health system.

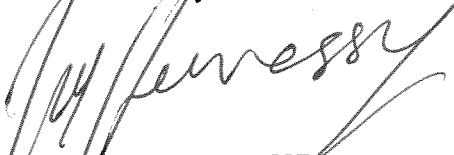
One such reform, Safer Care Victoria, is a new body I have established to monitor and improve the quality and safety of care delivered across the Victorian health system with the aim of achieving zero avoidable patient harm.

I am also establishing a new health information agency to ensure that Safer Care and health services receive timely robust information to enable early detection of safety system concerns and drive continuous improvement.

I will implement your recommendation regarding a mandatory reporting scheme as a part of the Duckett legislative reforms.

Should your office require any further information please contact Glenda Gorrie, Assistant Director Quality and Safety on glenda.gorrie@dhhs.vic.gov.au or telephone (03) 9096 7553.

Yours sincerely



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