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Ms Hawkins,

Subject: SINGH, Dalvir
Case Number: COR 2014 000867
Date of Recommendations: 26 March 2015

I write in response to recommendations 1, 2 and 3 arising from your findings in the inquest into the death of Dalvir Singh.

Recommendation 1: To promote the safety and wellbeing of immigration detainees, I recommend that appropriate representatives of the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Secro and Victoria Police meet to discuss and develop a coordinated transfer of custody process which ensures that all relevant information held by one agency is conveyed contemporaneously with the detainee when transferred.

Recommendation 2: To ensure the efficacy of any interagency coordinated transfer process, I recommend that the Department of Immigration and Border Protection, Secro and Victoria Police each independently ensure that any necessary internal policies and procedures are effectively developed and implemented.

Recommendation 3: To ensure the efficacy of any interagency coordinated transfer process that is developed, I recommend that Department of Immigration and Border protection, Secro and Victoria Police each ensure that their employees are aware and appropriately trained in the aspects of the process pertaining to them.

Response: This recommendation has been implemented.

Corporate Policy has worked with the Prisoner Management Unit (PMU) and the Chief Custodial Health Officer (CCHO) to draft amendments to *Victoria Police Manual Guidelines (VPMG) – Safe management of persons in police care or custody* to align with the recommendations made in this inquest. The amendments to the VPMG have been approved and published. Corporate Policy and the PMU liaised with the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) during this process.

Yours sincerely,



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Acting Deputy Commissioner Regional Operations