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Ms Esther Reeves
Coroners Registrar
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Dear Ms Reeves

Inquest into the death of Fikri Memedovski

I refer to your letter dated 12 November 2012 seeking the Registry's response to a coronial recommendation following the above investigation and apologise for the delay in responding.

On 25 October 2012 the Coroners Court issued Findings of its Inquest. The findings included four recommendations of which recommendation 3 was relevant to the Registry. It states:

"To improve the certification process for deaths meeting the definition of "reportable" in the *Coroners Act 2008* (Vic), I recommend the Registrar of BDM consider amending the guidelines on the medical certificate of the cause of death to draw specific attention to the two common key omissions – fractures and head injuries".

The Registry will amend the information provided on the hard copy and electronic version of the Medical Certificate Cause of Death (MCCD) and will provide a link to the coronial publication "Flowchart to determine whether a death is reportable or reviewable" on the Registry website. The Registry will undertake these actions to coincide with the printing of the new stock of MCCD's, which may occur within the next six months.

Additionally you would be aware that as part of the 2008 review of the *Coroners Act 1985* the Registry employed medically trained staff for the purpose of reviewing all MCCD's received. This practice has resulted in approximately 550 deaths a year referred to the Court. (This inquest resulted from such a referral.)

Thank you for bringing this matter to the Registry's attention.

If you have any further queries in relation to this matter, please contact Sharon Perera, Legal & Policy Manager on 9613 5874.

Yours sincerely



Erin Keleher
Director and Registrar