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Dear Ms Bebbington

Court reference: COR 2015 005613 Allison J Allan

Thank you for your letter of 9 August 2019 regarding Coroner John Olle's *Finding without inquest into the death of Allison J Allan*.

Recommendation

In his finding, Coroner Olle directed recommendation 81(6) to this department:

- The Department of Health and Human Services address the staffing shortage at the VPIC referred to in this finding, in particular paragraph 34, through the provision of additional funding.

Department response

The Coroner's recommendation is under consideration.

The department has been made aware of a steady increase in demand upon the Victorian Poisons Information Centre (VPIC) over recent years through recent funding submissions from the service. Since 2015/2016 the department has increased funding to VPIC by 32%.

However, the department is working with VPIC to make a bid to the Department of Treasury and Finance for additional funding. This is through a process that is part of the 2019/2020 State budget.

Should you wish to discuss this matter further, please contact Eugene Bognar, Senior Project Officer, Medicines and Poisons Regulation at the Department of Health and Human Services on 9096 5958 or Eugene.Bognar@dhhs.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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