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His Honor Judge Cain State Coroner Coroner's Court of Victoria 65 Kavanagh Street SOUTHBANK VIC 3006

Dear Judge Cain

I am writing in response to the letter from your office regarding the Finding without inquest into the death of (Coroner's Court of Victoria reference COR 2016 002733).

Thank you for your thorough investigation and consideration of the circumstances of death. This case represents a shocking instance of family violence.

Your letter requested Family Safety Victoria (FSV) and the Victorian Government respond to recommendation six: 'develop a research-based strategy, in consultation with victim survivors, informal supporters and priority communities, to provide targeted information and services to informal supporters assisting persons affected by family violence.' The Family Violence and Service Delivery Reform Unit moved out of the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) into FSV during Machinery of Government changes in 2017. As the appropriate responsible agency to respond to this recommendation, FSV will provide a response with input from the Department of Families, Fairness and Housing. DPC will not be making a substantive reply.

The Victorian Government remains committed to a future free from family violence. Since the Royal Commission into Family Violence, over \$3.5 billion has been provided to increase frontline service delivery, build new infrastructure, improve practice and change legislation.

If you have any questions, please contact processes, Executive Director COVID-19 Coordination & Performance and Families, Fairness & Housing at DPC,

Yours sincerely

Jeremi Moule Secretary

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