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State Coroner Judge John Cain
Coroners Court of Victoria
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Subject: Elizabeth Wilms -
Finding into death with inquest
Court Reference: COR 2016 3075
Date of Recommendations: 27 October 2022

Dear Judge Cain

Victoria Police response to recommendations arising from the Finding into the death of Elizabeth Wilms

This document provides the response to your recommendations to Victoria Police arising from the Finding into the death of Elizabeth Wilms, delivered on 27 October 2022 (**the Finding**).

RECOMMENDATION

That the New South Wales Police Force and Victoria Police independently and collaboratively review and if necessary amend any police [sic.], guidelines or processes relating to the management of warrants (including interstate warrants) to ensure that they are executed in a timely manner.

Victoria Police supports the recommendation. The Coroner's recommendation will be implemented.

Victoria Police will engage with NSW Police to this end and will independently review and, if necessary, amend policy, guidelines and processes relating to the management of warrants (including interstate warrants) to ensure that warrants are executed in a timely manner.

Collaborative review

Victoria Police recognises the need for a coordinated response between jurisdictions to the management of outstanding interstate warrants. Victoria Police accepts there is opportunity to improve the management and effective execution of outstanding interstate warrants.

Accordingly, Victoria Police proposes to liaise with representatives of the New South Wales Police Force to explore practical steps which may be implemented to enable enhanced cooperation in managing and executing outstanding interstate warrants, as envisioned in the *Memorandum of Understanding between Police Jurisdictions for the Management of Outstanding Interstate Warrants (2021)*.

Independent review

Victoria Police welcomes the opportunity for continuous improvement. Victoria Police has already reviewed and made a number of changes to the Victoria Police Intelligence Doctrine (VPID) in relation to the classification and triaging of persons of interest (POIs), as referred to in paragraph 133 of the Finding.

As a result of the VPID review, the primary policy for Victoria Police in relation to the classification and triaging of POIs is the VPM *Tasking and Coordination (VPM T&C)* which is referenced throughout the Finding. The VPM T&C is owned by the Intelligence and Covert Support Command (ICSC), and is subject to annual review. The recommendation from this Inquest will be considered in the current annual review, and any required amendment will be actioned by ICSC if deemed necessary.

We thank you for your recommendation and will endeavour to address the issues identified in the Finding.

Yours sincerely,



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