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Subject:

Jesse Lee Christopher Edwards-Findings into death without inquest

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8 July 2024

Dear Coroner Peterson,

This letter provides the response to your recommendation for Victoria Police arising from your Finding into the death of Jesse Lee Christopher Edwards, delivered on 8 July 2024.

The Finding delivered one recommendation for Victoria Police:

I make the following recommendation that Victoria Police Licensing & Regulation Division (LRD) establish a requirement that prior to licence renewal, existing security licence holders must undertake refresher training with an LRD-approved Registered Training Organisation, including with regard to the safe use of restraint techniques and the risk of positional asphyxia.

Victoria Police accepts this recommendation and is committed to continuing to deliver additional and updated quality training resources to develop and refresh skills in the security industry and progress a professional and competent security workforce.

Victoria Police has been, and will continue to be, actively engaged in industry discussions to develop and implement refresher training as part of the security licensing process. Victoria Police is a member of the Victorian Security Industry Advisory Council (VSIAC) and Chair of the recently formed VSIAC Training Sub-Committee. The requirement for refresher training prior to security licence renewal will be one of the Sub-Committee's central priorities as part of the current review of the *Private Security Act 2004* (Vic).

Yours sincerely,

Shane Patton APM
Chief Commissioner

30/10/24