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VIA EMAIL: ██████████

Dear Ms ██████████

Investigation into the death of Mr Jay Joseph Harrison - COR 2023 006521

Thank you for your letter of 25 September 2025 addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, including His Honour Coroner Simon McGregor's findings regarding the death of Mr Jay Joseph Harrison.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing (the department) is responding to recommendation b.

All initiatives outlined in this response are fully funded by the Victorian Government.

The department's response to the Coroner's recommendation is as follows:

Recommendation b: That the Victorian Government implement the recommendations outlined by the Inquiry into the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria, with special consideration given to building 60,000 new public housing dwellings by 2034, in line with projected demands.

An alternative to the Coroner's recommendation is being implemented:

- The Victorian Government supports in-principle recommendation 30 of the Legislative Council Legal and Social Issues Committee Inquiry into the rental and housing affordability crisis in Victoria, that 'the Victorian Government commit to building 60,000 new social housing dwellings by 2034, with 40,000 completed by 2028'.
- The Victorian Government is committed to delivering on its current investment programs. Since the Big Housing Build was announced in 2020, total state and Commonwealth investment has grown to more than \$8 billion. This includes programs such as the Big Housing Build, Regional Housing Fund, Social Housing Growth Fund and others. These combined programs are delivering over 16,000 homes, while our High-rise Redevelopment Project will deliver even more homes, with a pipeline of projects through to 2051.

- Victoria's Housing Statement includes a continued focus and investment in building more social and affordable homes across Victoria. Key actions and investment include:
 - launching Australia's biggest ever urban renewal project by retiring and redeveloping all of Melbourne's 44 ageing high-rise public housing estates by 2051.
 - building up to 769 new social housing homes over the next five years with funding from the Commonwealth Government's Social Housing Accelerator.
- investment of \$1 billion in Affordable Housing Investment Partnerships providing low interest loans and government guarantees to finance social and affordable housing. The Affordable Housing Investment Partnerships program is open to Community Housing Providers, other not-for-profit housing providers and to councils.
- The Victorian Government will continue to explore investment options and delivery models for increasing supply, in alignment with government policy objectives and budget processes that achieve value for money outcomes.

I hope this information satisfies the Coroner's recommendation in relation to this matter. If you require further information, please contact Alix Rhodes, Executive Director Strategy, Policy and Planning, Homes Victoria on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



Peta McCammon
Secretary

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