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VERDICT AT INQUEST AND **RECOMMENDATIONS- DEATH** OF JEPPESEN, NICHOLAS ALLAN

Ref.: Letter Verdict at Inquest into the death of: JEPPESEN, Nicolas Allan BCCS Case File #2016-0748-0021 (12 July 2022)

- 1. I would like to confirm receipt of your letter with the following recommendations for the Canadian Forces Health Services from the Jeppesen Inquest:
 - a. Conduct routine mental health checks, similar to an annual physical exam, throughout members' CAF careers.
 - b. Enable social workers to refer members with mental health difficulties to a psychiatrist or psychologist.
- 2. I wish to thank the jury for these recommendations which will inform our continued efforts to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of mental health care in the Canadian Armed Forces.
- 3. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact my office through Major Anny Fredette at anny.fredette@forces.gc.ca.

Respectfully,

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