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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

I am writing with regard to the Verdict at Coroner's Inquest dated May 19, 2017 into the death of Mr. Rhett Patrick Victor Mutch, posted on the BC Coroners Service website.

I note that recommendations 2 and 3 were directed to the Ministry of Public Safety & Solicitor General. Please find below my responses to these recommendations.

Recommendation 2:

To ensure the online retraining for Crisis Intervention and De-escalation (CID) is refreshed with new and relevant scenarios every 2 years.

Policing and Security Branch (PSB) will be conducting a review of the CID course. The review will include an analysis of the refresher training, which is required by *BC Provincial Policing Standard (BCPPS) 3.2.2* to be completed by front-line officers and supervisors once every three years. Timelines for the review have not been determined.

Recommendation 3:

To consider a worn (body cam style) automatic audio and/or audio visual (GPS and timestamp) device to assist and supplement the review of radio and/or cell phone records of events.

PSB has been working with police agencies and other stakeholders regarding the development of *BCPPS* for body worn cameras (BWC).

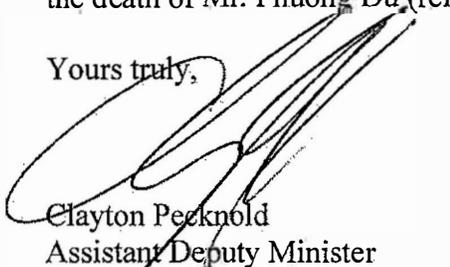
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There is no intention of making BWCs mandatory, however PSB is working on standards so that agencies which choose to implement BWCs, will operate them in a consistent manner. The development of these *BCPPS* is complex as there are many competing interests and perspectives from different stakeholders on the value and effectiveness of BWCs. These challenges are described in my correspondence regarding the Verdict at Coroner's Inquest into the death of Mr. Phuong Du (ref: 544313).

Yours truly,



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