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Mr. Abid Mavani Acting Fatality Inquiry Coordinator Legal Services - Edmonton Office Justice and Solicitor General 9th Floor, Peace Hills Trust Tower 10011 - 109 Street Edmonton AB T5J 3S8

Dear Mr. Mavani:

Thank you for the copy of the Honourable Judge Michael C. Dinkel's Public Fatality Inquiry report ("the Report") into the death of Constable Britni Randal Joyal that was provided to me by your predecessor on April 2, 2020. This letter serves as the ministry's response to the recommendation offered in the Report.

The ministry supports the recommendation, in principle, that all police services in Alberta shall determine if their tactical units could benefit from the use of drones to prevent future deaths in similar situations and whether it would also benefit police services in criminal investigations as well. As all police services are responsible for determining what operational equipment they require as well as the funding to acquire such equipment, a letter will be sent to all police services requesting them to consider this recommendation.

Thank you again for the opportunity to respond to the recommendation of the inquiry. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you require any further information.

Yours truly,

Original Signed

Dennis Cooley, PhD
Associate Deputy Minister,
Solicitor General

cc: Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Justice and Solicitor General