

Memorandum

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Deputy Minister

To: Malcolm Lavoie
Deputy Minister of Justice

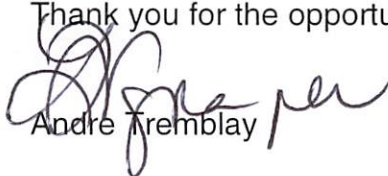
Subject: Alexandru Radita Fatality Inquiry

Deputy Minister Lavoie, thank you for your memo asking the Department of Health to respond to one of the recommendations in the public fatality inquiry of Alexandru Radita.

The death of Alexandru Radita, and the deaths of the two other children referenced in the inquiry are a terrible tragedy, and I appreciate the effort put into investigate the circumstances to prevent similar tragedies. The Department has reviewed the report as well as the Alberta Health's Services' (AHS) initial response.

In response to Honourable Justice S.L. Van de Veen's recommendation, Alberta Health has engaged Health Canada to make it aware of the fatality inquiry and the subsequent findings and recommendation related to natural health products, as the regulation of natural health products is under the jurisdiction of Health Canada. Specifically, Department staff have advised Health Canada of the findings as they related to public information on natural health products, and the importance of using natural health products under the care of a health care provider. Department staff will continue engaging with Health Canada on this matter as appropriate.

Thank you for the opportunity to respond.


Andre Tremblay