

April 17, 2020

Ms. Anne Kelly  
Commissioner  
Correctional Service Canada  
340 Laurier Avenue West  
Ottawa ON K1A 0P9  
[Anne.Kelly@CSC-SCC.GC.ca](mailto:Anne.Kelly@CSC-SCC.GC.ca)

Dear Ms. Kelly:

I have attached the Honourable Judge R.W. Brandt's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General regarding the public fatality inquiry into the death of Ryan William Witvoet. This report will be publicly released on April 27, 2020.

The following recommendation may impact Correctional Service Canada:

- That Correctional Service Canada make substance abuse treatment of prisoners a priority. This should include the provision of substance abuse treatment to all inmates who desire it. Such treatment should include the provision of methadone or other appropriate medications, and should also allow prisoners to repeat Correctional Service Canada substance abuse programs whenever they could benefit from such repetition.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether Correctional Service Canada accepts, accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendation;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If Correctional Service Canada intends to accept the recommendation, or to implement different measures, what steps will be taken in that regard.

A response to this enquiry is not mandatory. However, be advised that any response received will be publicly released and posted on the Open Government Portal:

<https://open.alberta.ca/opendata/responses-to-public-fatality-inquiry-recommendations>.

If a response has not been received by October 1, 2020, that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Original signed

Frank Bosscha, Q.C.  
Deputy Minister of Justice  
and Deputy Solicitor General

Attachment