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Dear Madam:

**Subject: Curtis Hill – Public Fatality Inquiry
Response to Recommendations**

Please find enclosed a copy of the Honourable Judge J.L. Dixon's report to the Minister of Justice and Solicitor General. This report will be publicly released on October 7, 2021.

The following recommendations made by Her Honour may impact Alberta Correctional Services:

1. The Edmonton Remand Centre management staff develop Standard Operating Policies for inmate cell and level assignment and re-assignment within a Unit incorporating similar risk management and inmate management considerations as are applied to Unit classification.
2. The Edmonton Remand Centre management undertake a comprehensive review of the risks associated with the PASS mode of the Electronic Detention Monitoring and Control System to enhance the safety of inmates including consideration of the following risk management strategies:
 - a) providing additional staff to monitor the EDMCS when in PASS mode;
 - b) making changes to the physical structure of the units to enable inmates to access toilet facilities without returning to their cell; and, or
 - c) providing additional staff to ensure the capacity for a continuous presence on the Unit as required by current policy.
3. Corrections management ensure that Correctional Peace Officers receive mental health-related education and training to understand signs and symptoms of mental illness; to be better equipped to share relevant observations with the AHS health team; to be prepared to make referrals of inmates for mental health and other services; and to consider the potential impact of mental health related behaviours on inmate placement within a Unit.

I ask that you please advise the following:

1. Whether the Alberta Correctional Services accepts in principle, does not accept, or has a different response to the recommendations;
2. A brief explanation of why that decision was made; and
3. If Alberta Correctional Services intends to accept the recommendations, 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 February 7, 2022, (four months after the public release date), that information will also be made publicly available.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Yours truly,

Original Signed

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