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Dear Chair

ACCESS TO CCTV FOOTAGE

I refer to your letter, dated 15 November 2016, regarding CCTV footage filmed before the death of Ms Dhu.

The CCTV footage from both the South Hedland Health Campus and the South Hedland Police Station was in a digital format.

The CCTV footage from the South Hedland Health Campus was downloaded onto a digital storage device by the Health Department and seized under section 33 of the *Coroners Act 1996* by the Coroner's investigator. The storage device forms part of the Coroner's brief.

The CCTV footage from the South Hedland Police Station was downloaded to a digital storage device by police and seized under section 33 of the *Coroners Act* by the Coroner's investigator. The storage device forms part of the Coroner's brief. The CCTV system is a "stand alone" system (data from the system is not downloaded to a central point) and the stored information is overwritten after 90 days and as such WA Police are unable to view or download a further copy of the footage.

For the sake of completeness, I note that the coronial investigators who had conduct of the matter hold copies of some, but not all, of the CCTV footage on the coronial file. All Coronal files are subject to an order from the Coroner, under section 14(3) of the *Coroner's Act*, not to provide access to Coronal evidence, including access to other WA Police Officers.

As previously advised, WA Police are not able to accede to your request as WA Police do not hold a copy of the footage.

Yours sincerely



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COMMISSIONER OF POLICE



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