



Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes

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Patrick Hodgetts
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By email: [REDACTED]

Dear Mr Hodgetts

Special Commission of Inquiry into LGBTIQ hate crimes: exhibits relating to death of Crispin Dye

I refer to the above Inquiry, and to our correspondence of 10 and 13 March 2023 regarding the death of Crispin Dye.

Possible fingerprint analysis

In relation to the items that have been found within Mr Dye's shirt pocket (exhibit number X0000638079), being a yellow piece of paper and white piece of paper/card, I note your advice that:

1. It is the view of Senior Sergeant Anne Coady of the NSWPF Forensic Evidence & Technical Services Command ("FETS"), and a fingerprint expert at FETS, that a brown mark on the white paper/card may be consistent with a partial fingerprint; and
2. FETS is able to receive the item itself for closer examination is possible, including the suitability of chemically treating the item for fingerprints.

In respect of this, the Inquiry would be assisted by the following further information:

1. To the extent that FETS can advise, would any testing for fingerprinting carried out by FETS reduce the likelihood of recovering DNA from the white paper/card?
2. If the answer to the above question is yes, is there any method of fingerprint testing through which impact on DNA recovery can be reduced?
3. Can FETS conduct fingerprint examinations at FASS, or will it be necessary for the exhibits to be transferred back to the NSWPF for examination. If transfer is necessary, could you please confirm that FETS is able to arrange this transfer?

To ensure the next steps can be determined as soon as possible, I would be grateful to receive a response in relation to the above by **5pm on 21 March 2023**.

Thank you for your assistance to date in this matter.

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Please do not hesitate to contact Jacqueline Krynda on [REDACTED] if you have any queries in relation to this matter. If Jacqueline Krynda is not available, please contact Kate Lockery on [REDACTED].

Yours faithfully



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for Crown Solicitor