

Inquest into the death of William George Grimes

On 10 March 2020, William George Grimes was tasered by police in an attempt to prevent him from completing the act of setting himself alight. Mr Grimes was engulfed in flames which were put out by police.

State Coroner Terry Ryan delivered his findings on 5 April 2023.

The Queensland Government responds to recommendations directed to government agencies at inquests by informing the community if a recommendation will be implemented or the reason why a recommendation is not supported.

The departments named in this response will provide implementation updates until the recommendation is delivered. Further information relating to the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible minister named in the response.

Recommendation 1

I recommend that the Queensland Police Service establish a District Duty Officer at the level of a Senior Sergeant in the Wide Bay District.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 22 March 2024 the Minister for Police and Community Safety responded:

The Queensland Police Service established six permanent District Duty Officer positions at the level of Senior Sergeant in the Wide Bay District. The positions were advertised in June 2023, of which four were filled permanently. The remaining two positions are being readvertised.