

Inquest into the death of Jenny Lee Cook

Ms Cook was found deceased at the side of her house in Douglas on 19 January 2009 with a single stab wound to the chest. A large knife, wrapped in string and tape, was located wedged between a security screen and a window near Ms Cook's body.

Coroner Jane Bentley delivered her findings of inquest on 6 December 2013.

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. Further information relating the implementation of recommendations can be obtained from the responsible agency named in the response.

Recommendation 1

I recommend that the Commissioner of Police consider whether any action should be taken in relation to Detective Sergeant Osborn's non-compliance with the *Operational Procedures Manual* of the Queensland Police Service.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 17 July 2015, the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services responded:

On 23 February 2015 the investigation into the recommendation made by the coroner was finalised by the Queensland Police Service. The investigation confirmed management action involving Detective Sergeant Osborn undertaken in December 2013 was appropriate. As such the investigation was finalised with no further action.

Recommendation 2

I recommend that the Commissioner of Police consider whether any action should be taken in relation to the inadequacy of the police investigation into the death of Jenny Lee Cook.

Response and action: the recommendation is implemented.

Responsible agency: Queensland Police Service.

On 17 July 2015, the Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services responded:

On 23 February 2015 the investigation into the recommendation made by the coroner was finalised by the Queensland Police Service (QPS). The investigation included consideration of whether any action should be taken in relation to the police investigation. The investigation identified a number of issues which impacted the initial investigation and determination as to the suspiciousness of the death of Ms Cook. Accordingly this investigation also looked at the various levels of supervision overlaid during the investigative process. It was a determination of the investigation that the police investigation was not inadequate in the circumstances and supported by physical and identifiable evidence available. The investigation was unable to substantiate this allegation. As such the investigation was finalised with no further action.