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Subject: RE: MEDIA ENQUIRY: Coronial Inquest decision delays
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Good Afternoon Michael,

Please see below response to the multiple questions.

For ease I have placed the questions with their connecting answers in the below table.

Question	Answer
1. How many of the Coronial Inquests in QLD that have been completed are still awaiting findings more than six months later?	There are currently six (6) cases that have been completed and are awaiting findings more than six months later.
2. Please advise the reasons why findings have not been delivered for each of the inquests that were completed one or more years ago?	Once an inquest is adjourned it can require written submissions be provided from those legal representatives granted leave to appear at the inquest. This timetable is set by the coroner investigating that particular matter. The process of written submissions can take a number of months to be finalised. There are also instances whereby further investigation may be required as a result of evidence heard or submissions made on behalf of a legal representative granted leave to appear.
3. Specifically, why haven't the findings into Sharron Phillips inquest been delivered yet?	The inquest into the suspected death of Ms Sharron Phillips was held at the Brisbane Magistrate Court from 22-24 March 2021. Submissions were received from those granted leave to appear at the inquest between November 2022 to January 2023. Findings will be handed down at a later date. Notice will be given to the media when the findings are to be delivered.
4. Have families of the victims who are still waiting for findings a year or more later advised of when they will be delivered, or why they haven't been delivered yet? If not, why not?	Families are kept up to date about proceedings either from the court or directly via their legal representative.
5. What, if anything, needs to be done to cut down on the wait times for decisions following inquests?	Nil comment

Kindest Regards

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