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Government to implement Shipley Inquest recommendations

Minister for Corrective Services John Robertson announced today that all recommendations arising out of the Adam Shipley coronial inquest would be implemented.

“The Government will implement all of the recommendations arising out of the coronial inquest into the death in custody of Adam Shipley,” said Mr Robertson.

“The Coroner made formal recommendations with respect to three issues and the Government will report back directly to her on the implementation of each of those in the coming months.”

The Coroner found that Adam Shipley died at Kirkconnell Correctional Centre in May 2007 by hanging.

“Every death in custody is a tragedy and my thoughts are with Mr Shipley’s family,” said Mr Robertson.

“The NSW Government is committed to preventing deaths in custody and takes all coronial recommendations extremely seriously.

“The Coroner noted that the Department of Corrective Services has in recent years seriously addressed the issue of deaths in custody and reduced the number of suicides.

“Nevertheless, the Coroner raised a number of issues, as reflected in her recommendations - the Government has accepted those findings and will take action accordingly.”

Commissioner for Corrective Services Ron Woodham said he would work with Minister Robertson to implement the Coroner’s recommendations.

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