

Form 6.2

RESPONSE

SHERIFFDOM OF TAYSIDE, CENTRAL AND FIFE AT PERTH

Court ref: PER-B53-22

DETERMINATION OF SHERIFF JOHN A. MACRITCHIE SSC

UNDER THE INQUIRIES INTO FATAL ACCIDENTS AND SUDDEN DEATHS ETC
(SCOTLAND) ACT 2016

in the inquiry into the death of

GARY ROSS

To the Scottish Courts and Tribunals Service

1. The Scottish Prison Service (SPS), being a body to whom a recommendation under section 26(1)(b) was addressed, do respond as follows.
2. **Recommendation 1** – “That the SPS improve their system of working by making further provision for ongoing refresher training courses for residential officers at regular intervals, to continually ensure that all such officers remain fully cognisant of and appreciative of the necessity of strictly adhering to the said Lock-up Procedures, doing so across the entire prison estate and not just as local reactions to individual deaths, which improvement might realistically prevent other deaths in similar circumstances.”
3. **Response** – SPS will incorporate into Prisoner Officers annual C&R refresher training course, a new section training on the necessity of adhering to SPS locking and unlocking procedures to ensure that appropriate steps are taken by Prison Officers to see the face of, and get a verbal response from all prisoners during these procedures.