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### **SOKO FILE RETURNED TO POLICE**

The Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Christopher Pryde, has completed a preliminary review on the death of Vilikesa Soko and returned the file to Police for further investigation.

“There are a number of issues which remain outstanding. I have returned the file to Police to conduct further investigations. Obviously, in matters as serious as the death of a person in police custody, it is important that all issues are looked at very carefully before a final decision on any charges is made.”

The Director of Public Prosecutions will not give a timeframe for the completion of the investigation or a decision.

“It is important that matters such as these are not rushed and that the authorities are left to get on with the job. The public can be confident that the matter is being thoroughly investigated.”

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