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Dear Minister

Ros

Queenslanders have put their faith in us to deliver a fresh start for our great state. As the Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, you have a critical role to play and that will come with significant responsibility.

The Right Plan for Queensland’s Future is a comprehensive plan that will require discipline, focus and unity to deliver.

Together we will ensure safety where people live, provide health services when Queenslanders need them, respect taxpayers’ money, deliver a place to call home for Queenslanders, and drive government to work for the people.

It is my expectation that you will work every day of this term of Government to deliver these priorities for Queensland. As Minister for Finance, Trade, Employment and Training, you are ultimately responsible for the following Government agencies:

Your portfolio responsibilities
Queensland Treasury
Department of Trade, Employment and Training

I want you to closely align your work every day with the following commitments we have made to Queenslanders.

Our fundamental commitment to Queenslanders
to restore safety where you live
to reinstate health services when you need them
to return respect for your money
to reimagine a place to call home
to redesign a government that works for you

I have outlined for each minister the values I want to drive our Government’s agenda across the Queensland Government agencies which you have carriage for, these are:

Core portfolio values	
Queensland Treasury Department of Trade, Employment and Training	<p><u>Finance</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • While being cognisant of the responsibility for agencies to maintain their own budgets, set the discipline across Government for responsible expenditure. • Identify cost escalations and report to the Premier as required. • Drive a culture within the portfolio and across Government that ensures Queensland taxpayer money is treated with respect. <p><u>Trade</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthen existing relationships with Queensland's trading partners and identify opportunities to develop new trading partnerships. • Restore a relationship of respect with trading partners following damage sustained through the inconsistent actions of the previous administration. <p><u>Employment and Training</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Set the bedrock that allows TAFE Queensland to be a secure and well performing entity. • Provide private providers greater security of their agreements to invest in people and capital.

In addition to the values outlined above, the key portfolio deliverables that should be your priority include the following:

Key portfolio deliverables	
Queensland Treasury Department of Trade, Employment and Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with fellow shareholding ministers to enhance the performance of Queensland's government-owned corporations to deliver the best services and value for Queenslanders. • Work with your ministerial colleagues to drive investment opportunities in Queensland. • Along with the Treasurer, Minister for Energy and Minister for Home Ownership and the Minister for Women and Women's Economic Security, Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships and Minister for Multiculturalism, form an Economic Security team to drive positive outcomes for Queenslanders across all economic portfolios. • Work to strengthen Queensland's international profile, reducing obstructions to trade in Queensland and opening greater opportunities for Queensland businesses to the world. • Undertake a \$2 million recruitment drive to employ the next generation of TAFE teachers. This will secure a pipeline of critical workers by addressing the root cause of Queensland's skilled worker shortage.

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure the sustainability of the vocational education and training sector, with a particular focus on TAFE, by establishing a dedicated TAFE Centre of Excellence in Moreton Bay, and satellite precincts in Rockhampton and North Queensland, with one centre focussed exclusively on advanced manufacturing.• Partner with the University of the Sunshine Coast to provide six new micro-credential tertiary courses tailored to small business planning and processes through a \$11.5 million investment.• Work with the Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services and the Minister for Education and the Arts, to help young people disengaged from education to find another pathway in training and education |
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I will meet with you regularly to discuss progress in implementing these actions.

We all know that many Queenslanders are struggling under significant cost-of-living pressures. In addition to the deliverables listed above, I urge you to identify opportunities to provide long-term cost-of-living relief through structural improvements and prudent oversight for those portfolio areas for which you have carriage for.

It is critical to remember that every decision a Minister makes, and all actions taken, must be in the interest of the Queensland public. It is imperative that those decisions and actions should be made without regard to personal, political or other immaterial considerations.

A strong and stable public service creates a strong and stable Queensland. The Queensland Public Service are integral to being able to implement our ambitious and important agenda for the state.

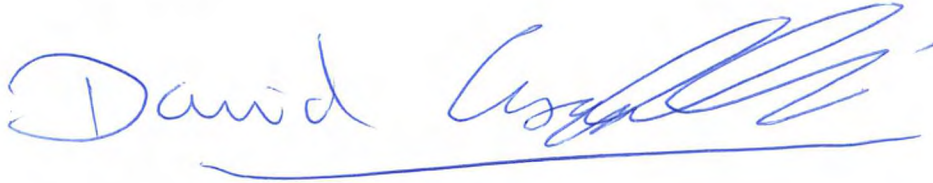
I expect ministers and their staff will engage with chief executive officers and departmental staff with the highest levels of courtesy and respect. I expect you will be an engaged and visible leader for the public servants in your department, both in the central office and the regions, and that you will strongly support your frontline staff in the important work they do.

Your engagement with the Queensland Public Service should always be in accordance with *The Queensland Ministerial Handbook, Ministerial Code of Conduct, Code of Conduct Ministerial Staff Members*, along with ensuring your staff always adhere to the *Protocols for communication between ministerial staff members and department employees*.

It is also important you familiarise yourself with 'Governing Queensland' for the suite of policy and administrative handbooks. These documents are available on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet's website at www.premiers.qld.gov.au. These documents provide an explanation for the processes of Government in Queensland.

We have been given the incredible privilege of serving the people of Queensland as their Government. I look forward to working with you to deliver for every Queenslander.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Crisafulli". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line underneath the name.

**DAVID CRISAFULLI MP
PREMIER AND MINISTER FOR VETERANS**