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Dear Minister

In December 2015, I announced a revamped Cabinet team to drive the Government's broad policy agenda into 2016 and beyond.

We promised to work closely with all Queenslanders to create jobs and strengthen the economy, to deliver quality frontline services, to build safe, caring and connected communities and to protect our environment and quality of life for present and future generations. We have also promised to ensure integrity, accountability and consultation underpin everything we do.

Queenslanders have entrusted us with providing a cohesive and stable Government, and delivering on the promises we have made. It is critical that we work hard to prove ourselves worthy of the trust bestowed on us.

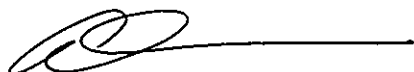
For this reason, I am writing to each minister and assistant minister to outline the delivery priorities to meet our Government's commitments. For many of these delivery priorities, it will be essential that you work closely and constructively with your colleagues to deliver the best outcome for Queenslanders.

You and your department(s) have a vital role to play. The attached Portfolio Priorities Statement defines your key priorities for this term of Government. It is intended that these priorities will also inform Chief Executive Officer performance agreements and shape the functions and activities of departments. I intend to regularly meet with you to discuss progress in implementing actions identified.

I expect that at all times Ministers will make all decisions and take all actions in the public interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations. I refer you to *Governing Queensland*, on the Department of the Premier and Cabinet website at www.premiers.qld.gov.au/publications/categories/policies-and-codes/handbooks.aspx, for a suite of policy and administrative handbooks.

I look forward to working closely with you to deliver great outcomes for Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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**ANNASTACIA PALASZCZUK MP
PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
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Delivery Priorities

In delivering on the Government's objectives for the community the emphasis for this portfolio should be on:

- strengthening our public health system
- providing responsive and integrated government services
- supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders
- ensuring safe, productive and fair workplaces
- achieving better health related education and training outcomes.

<p>Health</p>	<p>Rebuild preventive health and health promotion capacity, through establishing a state-wide Queensland Health Promotion Commission and supporting practical programs of proven effectiveness to assist everyone in our community to live a long, healthy life without the threat of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, heart disease and cancer.</p> <p>Rebuild Queensland Health's frontline health workforce, through the recruitment of additional nurses, and supporting graduate nursing positions.</p> <p>Re-focus on patient safety, through implementing nurse-patient ratios and workload provisions and restoring patient safety and quality improvement functions.</p> <p>Enhance services to young people with serious mental health issues, including re-establishing dedicated residential care, expanding day services and services in regional Queensland, and supporting an Inquiry into the closure of the Barrett Adolescent Centre.</p> <p>Provide \$20 million in grants over four years to non-government organisations to provide long day respite that caters to the specific needs of elderly people.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to the child safety reform agenda initiated by the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry final report.</p> <p>Progress vital upgrades and repairs to ageing health infrastructure through the Enhancing Regional Hospitals program</p> <p>Support the development and implementation of a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy and implementation of the Government's response to the Report from the Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland.</p>
<p>Ambulance Services</p>	<p>Support fair conditions and professional recognition for ambulance officers by working with the Queensland Ambulance Service and United Voice to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • establish a proper process to assess professional needs in terms of ambulance numbers • review and introduce new fatigue management policy that actively monitors and manages all aspects of fatigue related risk • provide opportunities for skills maintenance and development • support the national registration of paramedics as a health profession • address the personal safety needs of frontline staff.
<p>COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects</p>	<p>Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Health Reform Agreement • Improving Public Hospital Services National Partnership Agreement • Essential Vaccines National Partnership Agreement • Mental Health Reform National Partnership Agreement • Treating More Public Dental Patients National Partnership Agreement. <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Indigenous Reform Agreement • National Disability Strategy • The Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland for the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme • Reform of the Federation White paper in the area of health.