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Dear Minister

On 11 December 2017, I announced a new Cabinet team and reaffirmed our commitment to Queenslanders to provide a strong, stable majority Government, and to drive the Queensland Government's policy agenda which prioritises jobs, health and education.

We will work closely together advancing Queensland to create jobs in a strong economy, ensure a great start for our children, improve the health of Queenslanders, support safe communities, protect the Great Barrier Reef and ensure a responsive Government.

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

For this reason, I write 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.

Following on from last week's Council of Australian Governments meeting, it is essential that you focus your attention on National Agreements, Partnerships and reforms related to your portfolio responsibilities to ensure Queensland's interests are represented and the benefits to Queenslanders are maximised.

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 and agencies.

I intend to regularly meet with you to discuss progress in implementing the actions identified.

I expect that at all times ministers will make all decisions and take all actions in the public's 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
MINISTER FOR TRADE**

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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Child Safety, Youth and Women and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence

The Hon Dianne Farmer MP

Department: Child Safety, Youth and Women

Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers and their staff to work closely together advancing Queensland, focusing on the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create jobs in a strong economy;• A great start for our children;• Healthy Queenslanders;• Safe communities;• Protect the Great Barrier Reef; and• A responsive Government.
Consultation	All Ministers and their staff to focus on meeting regularly with the community and key stakeholders to inform policy development and achieve the best outcomes for all Queenslanders.
Integrity and Accountability	All Ministers and their staff demonstrate transparent, accountable and ethical behaviour and make all decisions and take all actions in the public interest without regard to personal, party political or other immaterial considerations.
Collaboration	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
Investing in Our People	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

Government Commitments

Election Commitments	All Ministers prioritise the delivery of all election commitments.
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Delivery Priorities

Child Safety	<p>Continue the implementation and monitoring of the Government's child and family reform agenda '<i>Supporting Families Changing Futures - Advancing Queensland's child protection and family support reforms</i>'.</p> <p>Support the Government's contribution and response to the National Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.</p> <p>Continue to implement the recommended Action Plan from the <i>Strengthening Capacity Across Queensland's Child Protection System</i> (Apelt Report).</p> <p>Progress implementation of, and further amendments to, the <i>Child Protection Act 1999</i> to address issues raised in the review and other reports.</p> <p>Implement the recommendations from <i>Keeping Queensland's children more than safe: Review of the foster care system</i>, and <i>Partners in Care</i> initiatives.</p> <p>Lead implementation of the <i>Our Way</i> strategy and <i>Changing Tracks: An action plan for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and families 2017-2019</i>.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the <i>Action on Ice</i> plan to address use and harms caused by crystal methamphetamine.</p> <p>Work with other portfolios and Ministers to assist parents and families.</p>
Youth and Women	<p>Lead continuing implementation of, and engagement of stakeholders on, the <i>Queensland Youth Strategy</i> and the Action Schedule.</p> <p>Support Queensland's work to address bullying and sexual harassment, especially of children and young people.</p> <p>Implement key actions from the Violence Against Women Prevention Plan.</p> <p>Lead continuing implementation of, and engagement of stakeholders on, the <i>Queensland Women's Strategy 2016–21</i>.</p> <p>Continue to work with relevant Ministers and organisations to manage the transition of 17-year olds to the youth justice system.</p> <p>Advance further reforms and initiatives to help prevent youth crime and improve outcomes and reduce demands in the Youth Justice system.</p>
Domestic and Family Violence Prevention	<p>Support implementation and monitoring of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26</i> and the <i>Government response to the Report from the Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland, Not Now, Not Ever</i>.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the <i>Government's Second Action Plan (2016–17 to 2018–19) of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy</i> and subsequent plans.</p> <p>Engage with organisations to provide culturally appropriate domestic and family violence services throughout the State.</p> <p>Support the work of the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council.</p> <p>Lead work with other portfolios and Ministers to co-ordinate the Government's roll-out of domestic violence reforms.</p>

<p>COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships & Significant National Reform Projects</p>	<p>Lead the implementation of existing National Agreements and Partnerships and negotiations associated with proposed new Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Third Action Plan (2016-19) of the National Plan to Reduce Violence against Women and their Children 2010-2022 • National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children 2009-2020 • National Initiatives Programs: Women's Safety Package – Technology Trials Project Agreement • Transition to Independent Living Allowance Project Agreement. <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap). • National Disability Strategy • Homelessness National Partnership Agreement • National Domestic Violence Order Scheme • The Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland for the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.
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