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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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Portfolio Priorities Statement

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

Department(s): Communities, Child Safety and Disability Services

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Whole-of-Government Priorities

Overarching Direction	All Ministers and their staff to work closely with all Queenslanders to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• create jobs and a diverse economy• deliver quality frontline services• protect the environment• build safe, caring and connected communities.
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

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

- providing responsive and integrated government services
- supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders
- encouraging safer and inclusive communities.

<p>Communities, Women and Youth</p>	<p>Support Queensland's participation in COAG's work to address violence against women.</p> <p>Develop and implement a Violence Against Women Prevention Plan.</p> <p>Engage with other organisations and develop a strategy to support and strengthen opportunities for Queensland's women.</p> <p>Engage with young people and youth services to provide social and economic opportunities for young Queenslanders.</p> <p>Engage with non-government organisations to rebuild the Queensland Community Services Sector and to grow workforce and industry capacity and capability.</p> <p>Review and implement agreed reforms to community recovery operations.</p> <p>Support the delivery of integrated community services and facilities across Queensland.</p> <p>Support the Minister for Seniors in delivering initiatives to support Queensland seniors.</p> <p>Develop a Queensland Government Youth Strategy.</p>
<p>Child Safety</p>	<p>Continue and build upon the child and family reform agenda initiated by the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry final report.</p> <p>Support the Government's contribution and response to the work of the National Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.</p> <p>Review the operation of the <i>Adoption Act 2009</i>.</p>
<p>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention</p>	<p>Support the development and implementation of a statewide Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy.</p> <p>Implement the Government's First Action Plan of the Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy (2016) and subsequent plan.</p> <p>Engage with stakeholders and NGOs to implement culturally appropriate models of integrated service delivery for Domestic and Family Violence statewide.</p> <p>Support the work of the Domestic and Family Violence Implementation Council.</p> <p>Monitor the Government's response to the implementation of the Domestic and Family Violence Taskforce's report, <i>Not Now, Not Ever</i>.</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Plan Against Violence Against Women • National Framework for Protecting Australia's Children • Social and Community Services Workers (Pay Equity) National Partnership Agreement. <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Indigenous Reform Agreement • National Disability Strategy • Housing and Homelessness National Agreement • Homelessness National Partnership Agreement • Reform of the Federation White Paper in the area of homelessness.