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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 Education and Minister for Industrial Relations

Department: Education

The Hon Grace Grace MP

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

Education	<p>Implement initiatives under the Government's <i>A World Class Education</i> policy, including investing more than \$1 billion over four years, to employ more than 3,700 extra teachers to meet growth across the State.</p> <p>Under the Government's <i>Building Better Schools</i> policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • expand the Building Future Schools for Queensland fund to deliver schools when and where they are needed most in our State; and • invest for the future and deliver the school facilities our students and teachers need through the High School Renewal and Refurbishment program and the School Renewal fund. <p>Continue to engage more children and young people with disability in learning to improve educational outcomes and provide inclusive education for all students.</p> <p>Continue to develop strategies to improve the educational outcomes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students across Queensland by focussing on key outcomes, including improved attendance, participation, engagement and retention rates.</p> <p>Deliver the Digital Technologies curriculum (including coding and robotics) in all state schools.</p> <p>Establish strong foundations for children's continuity of learning by continuing to roll out the Age Appropriate Pedagogies program that underpins active, purposeful, creative learning experiences in the early years of schools (Prep to Year 3).</p> <p>Work with relevant Ministers to continue to support young people who are disengaged or at risk of disengaging in education, training and employment.</p> <p>Continue the delivery of the new system of senior secondary and tertiary entrance for Queensland students.</p> <p>Continue to support kindergarten participation and access for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and children from vulnerable and disadvantaged communities.</p> <p>Continue to progress initiatives under the Queensland Government's <i>Advancing Education: An action plan for education in Queensland</i>, to ensure Queensland is positioned to more effectively support children to develop the knowledge, skills and qualities they need to be ready for the jobs of tomorrow.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to 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 Queensland's work to address bullying and sexual harassment, especially of children and young people.</p> <p>Support implementation of the <i>Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy 2016-26</i> and the Government response to the <i>Report from the Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland</i>.</p> <p>Contribute to the development and implementation of the Queensland Government response to the <i>Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Response to Child Sexual Abuse</i>.</p> <p>Support the implementation of the <i>Action on Ice</i> plan to address use and harms caused by crystal methamphetamine.</p>
Industrial Relations	<p>Continue to oversee the regulation of Workplace Health and Safety in Queensland and the negotiation of public sector enterprise bargaining agreements in accordance with the Government's Wages Policies.</p> <p>Oversee the ongoing delivery of the legislative reforms and regulatory improvements to Queensland's industrial relations system and workplace health and safety.</p>

	<p>Progress actions in response to the <i>Coal Workers' Pneumonocosis Select Committee Report No. 4. 55th Parliament Inquiry into Occupational Respirable Dust Diseases</i>.</p> <p>Investigate options for a portable long service leave scheme for social and community service workers.</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"> • School funding and reform principles 2018 (interim agreement) • Negotiations for ongoing schools funding and reforms • Universal Access to Early Childhood Education National Partnership Agreement • School Chaplaincy Project Agreement • National quality agenda for early childhood education and care National Partnership Agreement • Trade training centres in schools National Partnership Agreement • Online Safety Programmes for Schools Project Agreement • MoneySmart Teaching Project Agreement Schedule • Queensland's response to NAPLAN online. <p>Contribute to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The National Indigenous Reform Agreement (Closing the Gap) • National Disability Strategy • The Bilateral Agreement between the Commonwealth and Queensland for the transition to the National Disability Insurance Scheme.