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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](http://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 Health and Minister for Ambulance Services

*The Hon Dr Steven Miles MP*

**Department(s):** Queensland Health  
Queensland Ambulance Service

## Whole-of-Government Priorities

<b>Overarching Direction</b>	All Ministers and their staff to work closely together advancing Queensland, focusing on the following priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Create jobs in a strong economy;</li><li>• A great start for our children;</li><li>• Healthy Queenslanders;</li><li>• Safe communities;</li><li>• Protect the Great Barrier Reef; and</li><li>• A responsive Government.</li></ul>
<b>Consultation</b>	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.
<b>Integrity and Accountability</b>	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.
<b>Collaboration</b>	All Ministers, supported by their Chief Executive Officers, establish strong working relationships across portfolios to deliver the Government's priorities.
<b>Investing in Our People</b>	All Ministers support their Chief Executive Officers to focus on motivating and increasing the capability of the public sector.

## Government Commitments

<b>Election Commitments</b>	All Ministers prioritise the delivery of all election commitments.
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## Delivery Priorities

<b>Health</b>	<p>Rebuild preventive health and health promotion capacity through the establishment of a state-wide Healthy Futures Commission, and by 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>Continue to rebuild Queensland Health's frontline health workforce, including through the recruitment of additional nurses, midwives and nurse navigators.</p> <p>Continue to focus on patient safety including by expanding safe nurse-to-patient ratios to acute public mental health wards.</p> <p>Continue to deliver <i>Connecting Care to Recovery 2016-21</i>, a five year mental health plan, to provide comprehensive, high quality and safe recovery-oriented mental health, alcohol and other drug services.</p> <p>Continue to expand and refurbish hospitals and health facilities through the Enhancing Regional Hospitals Program, Advancing Queensland Health Infrastructure and Priority Capital Works Program.</p> <p>Progress the <i>South East Queensland - Planning for Growth</i> program which will see major refurbishments of the Logan, Caboolture and Ipswich hospitals.</p> <p>Ensure patients continue to have access to safe, quality health care when and where needed by extending the Specialist Outpatient Strategy by \$154 million.</p> <p>Continue to support delivery of the <i>Emergency Care Access Strategy 2016-19</i>.</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 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>Support the development and implementation of the Queensland Government response to the <i>Report of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses 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> <p>Expand the <i>Deadly Choices Healthy Lifestyle Program</i> to empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people of all ages to take responsibility for their own health and make healthier choices.</p>
<b>Ambulance Services</b>	<p>Continue to support delivery of timely, quality and appropriate, patient focused services in the face of increasing demand.</p>
<b>COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships &amp; Significant National Reform Projects</b>	<p>Lead the implementation of existing National Agreements and Partnerships and negotiations associated with proposed new Agreements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Healthcare Agreement and National Health Reform Agreement</li> <li>• Negotiations for next National Health Reform Funding and Policy reforms</li> <li>• Health Infrastructure Projects National Partnership Agreement and Project Agreement for eHealth to support integrated care in regional Queensland</li> <li>• Essential vaccines 2017 National Partnership Agreement</li> <li>• Hummingbird House Project Agreement</li> <li>• National Bowel Cancer Screening Program – Participant follow ups Project Agreement Schedule</li> <li>• OzFoodNet Project Agreement Schedule</li> </ul>

- Healthcare and Disease Prevention in the Torres Strait Islands Project Agreement:
  - Addressing Blood Borne Viruses and Sexually Transmitted Infections Schedule
  - Torres Strait Islander health protection strategy – mosquito control and cross border liaison Schedule
  - Management of Torres Strait/PNG cross border health issues – Health Care Grants Schedule
- Public Dental Services for Adults National Partnership Agreement
- Encouraging more Clinical Trials in Australia Project Agreement
- Improving Trachoma Control Services for Indigenous Australians Project Agreement
- Expansion of the BreastScreen Australia Program Project Agreement
- Vaccine preventable diseases surveillance program Project Agreement
- Rheumatic Fever Strategy Project Agreement Schedule
- Intergovernmental Agreement on National Digital Health.

Contribute to:

- 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
- The Intergovernmental Agreement on a National Framework for Responding to PFAS Contamination.