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Minister for the Arts

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Dear Minister

In November 2016, I announced changes to the Ministry to drive the Government's broad policy agenda with a renewed focus on rural economic development.

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.

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 the Chief Executive Officer of performance agreements and shape the functions and activities of the 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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Portfolio Priorities Statement

Minister: Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and Minister for Corrective Services

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Department(s):

Queensland Police Service
Justice and Attorney-General
Corrective Services
Queensland Fire and Emergency Services
Public Safety Business Agency
Office of the Inspector
General Emergency Management

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:

- encouraging safer and inclusive communities
- ensuring safe, productive and fair workplaces for emergency service workers
- providing responsive and integrated government services
- supporting disadvantaged Queenslanders
- ensuring an accessible and effective justice system.

<p>Police</p>	<p>Continue to deliver key initiatives of the Government's <i>Keeping our Community Safe and Tackling Alcohol Fuelled Violence</i> policies including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the allocation of additional resources to fund extra police overtime and travel allowances to target crime hotspots throughout the state, and issues such as organised crime, alcohol-fuelled violence and/or the drug ice • undertaking intelligence-led policing in late night entertainment Precincts. <p>Deliver the existing police recruitment commitments and improved safety equipment.</p> <p>Ensure police functions will not be privatised and continue to identify roles that may not require a police officer to undertake. Where appropriate recruit trained and qualified public servants to undertake these roles.</p> <p>Continue to support the work of Community Policing Boards.</p> <p>Review the police complaints system and implement a new disciplinary system, in collaboration with the Queensland Police Union of Employees, which ensures accountability and fairness for both police officers and the public.</p> <p>Continue to contribute to the child safety reform agenda initiated by the Queensland Child Protection Commission of Inquiry final report.</p> <p>Support the implementation of a Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Strategy and the implementation of the Government's response to the Report from the Taskforce on Domestic and Family Violence in Queensland.</p> <p>Work with the Attorney-General and Minister for Justice on the effective implementation of the Serious and Organised Crime Legislation Amendment Bill 2016.</p>
<p>Fire and Emergency Services</p>	<p>Enhance the role that the Rural Fire Brigades play in early preparation activities ahead of the bushfire season.</p> <p>Work towards a risk based approach to emergency services, and continue to support the State Emergency Service and continue to provide appropriate equipment and training opportunities.</p> <p>Deliver on the implementation of the new smoke alarm legislation contained in the <i>Fire and Emergency Services (Domestic Smoke Alarms) Amendment Act 2016</i>, which will make Queensland households the safest in Australia in relation to fire safety.</p>
<p>Public Safety Business Agency</p>	<p>Deliver on the procurement of new aircraft, and maintenance of existing aircraft, to ensure QGAir can continue to provide lifesaving incident response capability and capacity state-wide.</p>
<p>Office of the Inspector-General Emergency Management</p>	<p>Review and assess the effectiveness of disaster management with a focus on a risk based approach to provide independent assurance of the safety of all Queenslanders.</p>
<p>Corrections</p>	<p>Support the implementation of the new women's re-entry service, aimed at assisting women leaving prison with reintegration into the community.</p>

COAG National Agreements, National Partnerships and Significant National Reform Projects	Lead: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Bushfire Mitigation Program National Partnership Agreement.• Provision of Fire Services National Partnership Agreement Contribute to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• National Indigenous Reform Agreement• National Disability Strategy• National Counter Terrorism Strategy.
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