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Dear Mrs Menkens

Thank you for considering the proposed expenditure for the portfolio of Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts. Further to my letter dated 18 July 2014, I would like to clarify a few statements made at the parliamentary estimates hearing on 17 July 2014.

- We have invested \$8.75 million in the Accelerate Queensland Science and Innovation Program to support partnerships, fellowships and ideas (refer to page 3).
- In relation the Great Barrier Reef, the forecast expenditure for 2014-15 is \$36 million across the Departments of the Premier and Cabinet; Natural Resources and Mines; Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry; Environment and Heritage Protection and Science, Information Technology, Innovation and the Arts (refer to page 11).
- The Queensland Ballet had its best box office in 54 years (refer to page 30).
- 13 young Indigenous acts were provided an opportunity to work with a superstar during Clancestry (refer to page 37).
- The Queensland Art Gallery toured the Kids APT on-tour program to a record 74 regional and remote Queensland venues in 2012-13 (refer to page 42).
- I am pleased to report that, although our aim was to add 100 new transactions, we have in fact added 132 (refer to page 54).

If you require any further information, please contact my Chief of Staff, Ms Diane Balke by email at [diane.balke@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:diane.balke@ministerial.qld.gov.au) or on telephone 07 3719 7465.

Yours sincerely

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