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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to *Report No. 12, 56th Parliament, Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee Inquiry into the establishment of a pharmacy council and transfer of pharmacy ownership in Queensland* (the Report). The Report was tabled in the Queensland Parliament on 16 October 2018.

I provide this letter as an interim response to the Report in accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*. The Government is committed to promoting the health and safety of Queenslanders and maintaining public confidence in the pharmacy profession. The Government is currently considering in detail, the Report and its 11 recommendations relating to pharmacist and pharmacy assistant scope of practice, the proposed establishment of a pharmacy advisory council, the regulation of pharmacy ownership and public reporting of the results of pharmacy compliance audits in Queensland. Due to the complexity of the issues, further time is required to develop a comprehensive Government response.

I wish to advise that, in accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, I will provide the Legislative Assembly with a final response to the Report by no later than 16 April 2019.

Your assistance is sought in tabling this interim response by no later than 16 January 2019, pursuant to Standing Order 31.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Miles".

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