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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Report No. 33 of the Legal Affairs and Safety Committee (the Committee) entitled '*Inquiry into matters relating to donor conception information*' (the Report), which was tabled on 31 August 2022.

In accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and as the responsible Minister for several recommendations in the Report, I provide this letter as an interim response to the Report.

Access to donor conception information is an important issue, as countless Queenslanders have used donated sperm, eggs or embryos to start or extend their families. For those people who are conceived from donated gametes, it is important they can access information about their genetic identity to better understand their origins and to manage their health appropriately, leading to better physical and mental health outcomes.

On 31 August 2022, the Committee tabled its report, making 20 recommendations under six headings, including that:

- all donor-conceived people should be provided with the right to know the identity of their donor when they reach the age of 18;
- a central register should be established;
- donor-conceived people and donors should be able to contact each other by mutual consent; and
- birth certificates of donor-conceived people should be annotated to note the fact of donor conception.

The Palaszczuk Government is carefully considering all recommendations made by the Committee.

Given the sensitivity, complexity and resource impacts of the matters raised by the Committee's recommendations, further time is required to consider the recommendations and prepare the final Government response to the Report.

It is important that we get any reforms to this area of Queensland's law right, which is why I have met with stakeholders and advocates to seek their views and will continue to work with stakeholders in the development of legislation.

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I note that the final response must be tabled by 28 February 2023, which is six months after the Report was tabled.

This interim response must be tabled in the Legislative Assembly by 30 November 2022. In accordance with Standing Order 31, I would appreciate your assistance for this letter to be tabled on or before that date.

Yours sincerely



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