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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to Report No.23, 57th Parliament – *Towards a healthier, safer, more just and compassionate Queensland: decriminalising the offences affecting those most vulnerable* (the Report), which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 31 October 2022, by the Community Support and Services Committee.

In accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, and as the responsible Minister, I provide this letter as an interim response to the Report and request that it be tabled by 31 January 2023.

The Community Support and Services Committee made 16 recommendations for Government consideration, 15 of which require Government action. I thank the Committee for its report and its consideration of the issues. The recommendations raise complex issues requiring careful consideration across multiple departments.

Further time is required to consider the Government's final response to the Report; however, in accordance with the *Parliament of Queensland Act* it is intended to be tabled by 30 April 2023, being six months after the tabling of the Report.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark Ryan".

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP
**Minister for Police and Corrective Services and
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