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Dear Mr ^{Neil}Laurie

In accordance with section 107(5)(a) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* (Act), I am writing to provide an interim response to Report No. 45 of the Transport and Resources Committee (Committee), which is titled '*Inquiry into scrap metal theft*' and was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 24 November 2023 (report).

The Government is appreciative of the Committee undertaking the inquiry into scrap metal theft, and the Committee's work in developing and delivering the report. The inquiry and report reflect an important investigation into the costs and impacts of metal theft in Queensland, as well as the safety risks that arise if people are exposed to live electricity due to damage caused to cables and equipment by metal thieves.

I note the Committee's recommendations relate to matters within my responsibilities as Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence, as well as the responsibilities of my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable Mark Ryan MP, Minister for Police and Community Safety.

Given the significance and complexity of the Committee's recommendations, further time will be needed for additional analysis and consideration before I table a final response to the report. I intend to provide a final response within 6 months of the tabling of the report, as required by section 107(5)(b) of the Act.

I would appreciate your assistance in tabling this interim response to the report by 23 February 2024, in accordance with 107(5)(a) of the Act.

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If you have any questions in relation to the above, I invite you to contact my Chief of Staff, Simon Zanatta, on (07) 3719 7400 or at attorney@ministerial.qld.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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