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Dear Mr Laurie

In accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, this letter provides an interim response to the Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee Report No. 2 *Inquiry into the adequacy of existing financial protections for Queensland's seniors* (the Report) which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 31 August 2015.

The Report gives a strong commitment to the human rights of older people, including their right to guide any action which may be taken on their behalf. The Report aims to improve financial literacy and decision-making and increase resilience to financial risks and shocks in older age. Appropriate safeguards and supports, along with a proactive and preventative approach are proposed to help Queensland's seniors maintain their fiscal wellbeing and sustainability and remain active participants in society.

The Committee made 43 recommendations to support Queensland seniors maintain their fiscal wellbeing and sustainability and remain active participants in society throughout their later years.

I am pleased to advise the Queensland Government has made a commitment to develop a senior's strategy, a key recommendation in the report. The strategy will help Queensland become an age-friendly society and many of the recommendations in the report will help inform the strategy.

The recommendations fall across several portfolios and require detailed and integrated consideration across government. Further consultation between agencies will inform a comprehensive government response, which I will table by 1 March 2016, in accordance with the Act.

This interim response is due to be tabled by 1 December 2015. I seek your assistance in arranging for this interim response to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly accordingly.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Coralee O'Rourke'.

Coralee O'Rourke MP
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