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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of the Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the Parliamentary Agriculture and Environment Committee Report No. 24 - Hendra virus EquiVac® vaccine and its use by veterinary surgeons in Queensland, which was tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 21 October 2016.

Given that the Report relates to a number of complex matters, which require consultation across a number of government departments and external agencies, more time is required to develop the Government response to the Report.

In accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001* and Standing Order 31, I request that this letter be tabled as an interim response to the Report.

A final response to the Report will be provided to the Legislative Assembly by 21 April 2017 in accordance with section 107 of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*.

If you require any further information regarding this matter, please contact my Chief of Staff, Peter Clarke, on telephone 07 3719 7560.

Yours sincerely



**The Honourable Bill Byrne MP**  
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