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Mr Neil Laurie  
Clerk of Parliament  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee (Committee) report on the Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 (Bill) (Report No. 32), which was tabled on 21 February 2020.

Under section 107(4) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, the Government's response to the Committee's report is to be tabled by 21 May 2020.

On 29 January 2020, I made an order declaring a public health emergency under the *Public Health Act 2005* in relation to coronavirus disease (COVID-19). Since the declaration of the public health emergency, Queensland Health resources, and a large portion of the resources of other Government Departments, have been diverted to respond to COVID-19.

Queensland Health is generally supportive of the Committee's recommendations and work is underway to progress the Government's final response. However, in light of the response to the public health emergency and the challenges posed by COVID-19, the Government has not had the resources available to finalise its response before 21 May 2020.

Accordingly, I provide this letter as an interim response to the Committee's report under section 107(5)(a) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act*.

In accordance with section 107(5)(b) of the *Parliament of Queensland Act 2001*, a final response to the Committee's report will be tabled by 21 August 2020.

Yours sincerely

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