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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to e-Petition 3251-19 tabled in the Legislative Assembly on 4 February 2020, titled *Child sex offender sentences*.

I note that the petitioners have raised concerns regarding the sentence of recently convicted child sex offender Rogelio Acosta Ruiz and call for a review and immediate appeal of the sentence handed down.

I sought advice of the Director of Public Prosecutions and after thorough consideration I appealed the sentence on 6 December 2019 on the basis it is manifestly inadequate.

As this matter is before the Courts I will therefore not make any further comment.

I thank the petitioners for bringing their concerns to the attention of the House.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Yvette D'Ath'.

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