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Ms Kate Flanders  
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Dear Ms Flanders *Kate*

Thank you for your letter dated 22 May 2017 to the Honourable Kate Jones MP, Minister for Education and Minister for Tourism, Major Events and the Commonwealth Games, regarding the current and future role of Agricultural Assistants in Queensland's state schools. The Minister has asked me to respond on her behalf.

I am pleased that recent discussions between departmental officers and Together Queensland organisers have resulted in an adjustment to the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment documentation as it relates to agricultural science. I believe that these amendments accurately reflect the role and responsibilities of Agricultural Assistants engaged by the Department of Education and Training at the Operational Officer Level 2 and 3 classifications. Further, feedback provided by your union regarding amendments to the Role Description for Agricultural Assistants has been received by the HR Service Unit.

I note that through your correspondence you are seeking ministerial intervention to mandate a review of the positions, position descriptions and classifications of Agricultural Assistants engaged by the Department. Please be assured that your request for a review of this nature is currently under consideration, and a comprehensive response will be provided in due course.

Should you have any questions regarding the content of this letter, I invite you to contact Mr Duncan McKellar, Executive Director, HR Service, on telephone 3055 2961 or by email at [Duncan.McKellar@det.qld.gov.au](mailto:Duncan.McKellar@det.qld.gov.au).

On behalf of the Minister, I thank you for your union's continued support of the role of Agricultural Assistants in Queensland state schools.

Yours sincerely

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