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Alex
Dear Mr Scott

Thank you for your letter dated 16 August 2019 regarding funding to enable the Office of the Public Guardian (OPG) to apply for variations to the *Queensland Public Service Officers and Other Employees Award – State 2015* (the Award) to include Community Visitors (CVs) in the Award. I apologise for the delay in responding.

Myself, the Public Guardian and all involved in assisting facilitate the variations to cover CVs acknowledge the invaluable work undertaken by CVs in our communities. With this in mind, I can assure you that every effort is being made to facilitate the understanding and progress of the proposed variations and their provisions, the inclusion of conditions into the award that are specific to CVs, and the variation to the award to *include* CVs through the relevant central agencies for government's consideration.

I understand that the Department of Justice and Attorney-General's (DJAG) Human Resources Branch and the OPG, in consultation with the Office of Industrial Relations, have prepared the draft Award variations and a copy of the draft has been provided to Together Queensland for comment.

The OPG and DJAG's Human Resources Branch will continue to engage with and provide Together Queensland with regular updates on the progress of its submissions for the necessary government considerations.

Yours sincerely

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