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Dear Mr Scott

I write with respect to your union's application in the Queensland Industrial Relations Commission (the Commission) for employees covered by the *Queensland Correctives Services – Correctional employees' Certified Agreement 2016* (Current Agreement) to receive an interim wage increase of 2.5% on the Current Agreement rates of pay, while a replacement to the Current Agreement is arbitrated.

I understand a mention occurred before a full bench of the Commission on 22 November 2019, where it was decided that the application will be heard on 20 December 2019.

The Government has considered its position following the mention and in a sign of good faith and in recognition of the hardworking and deeply valued employees in Queensland Corrective Services, I can now advise that the Government consents to an interim wage increase of 2.5% on Current Agreement rates of pay effective 1 September 2019.

I have asked Queensland Corrective Services to prioritise working with your union to urgently seek a consent order from the Commission, to ensure workers can receive the interim wage increase as soon as possible.

I wish to reiterate that the Government is committed to collective bargaining and that my door remains open to discussions with your union to try and reach an agreement and avoid an arbitrated outcome, including associated matters, in Queensland Corrective Services.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require further information, Ms Ellen McIntyre, Chief of Staff, is also available on telephone (07) 3035 8300.

Yours sincerely

The Honourable Mark Ryan MP  
**Minister for Police and  
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