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**Queensland
Corrective Services**

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Mr John Robertson
Chair
Queensland Sentencing Advisory Council
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Dear Mr Robertson

I am writing further to my correspondence to you of 19 December 2019 about the review of penalties for assaults on police and other frontline emergency service workers, corrective services officers and other public officers.

I appreciate you affording Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) the opportunity to provide a preliminary submission to assist in identifying the key issues to be explored in the review, and thank you for the extension granted to QCS to provide this response.

Every day, more than 5000 corrective services officers wear their uniform with pride and work to keep Queensland safe through the humane containment, supervision, and rehabilitation of offenders. It is, therefore, imperative that these staff are afforded the highest protection against harm in the workplace, similar to other frontline officers.

Please find enclosed QCS's preliminary feedback to the review. We request that QCS's preliminary submission be kept confidential, due to the risk of identifying the relevant individuals in the case studies provided.

If you require further information regarding this matter, please contact Mr James Koulouris, Deputy Commissioner, Organisational Capability, on [REDACTED] or by email [REDACTED]

I trust that this information is helpful to you.

Yours sincerely

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