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The Honourable Adele Farina MLC  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Administration  
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Dear Ms Farina

Thank you for your letter dated 20 March 2018 regarding the offence of Industrial Manslaughter enacted by the Queensland Parliament on 12 October 2017 and its impact on fatalities at Queensland workplaces.

In response to your questions, there have been no prosecutions or investigations under the industrial manslaughter laws at this time. Any investigation into a fatality since the offence was introduced would not yet be at the stage where a prosecution could be commenced under these laws.

In relation to your fourth question, data is not yet available to provide evidence of the deterrence effect of the industrial manslaughter laws on Queensland workplaces given the offence has only just been introduced. However, it is worth noting that there has been significant interest in the new offence since its introduction, both through media reporting and industry seminars, which has undoubtedly led to an elevation of safety culture and practice in Queensland workplaces.

If you require further information or assistance, please contact  
Work and Electrical Safety Policy, Office of Industrial Relations.

Director,

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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