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Dear Secretary

I wish to place before the Committee my report exploring the investigation of workplace deaths in Queensland for consideration as part of the Committee's inquiry into the framework surrounding the prevention, investigation and prosecution of industrial deaths in Australia.

In September 2015, I published a report arising from an investigation into the investigations of workplace deaths in Queensland. The report is entitled *The workplace death investigations report: An investigation into the quality of workplace death investigations conducted by the Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland* and can be located on the Queensland Ombudsman website at <https://www.ombudsman.qld.gov.au/improve-public-administration/reports-and-case-studies/investigative-reports/workplace-death-investigations-report--2015->.

The investigation reviewed 20 Office of Fair and Safe Work Queensland (OFSWQ) investigations into workplace deaths that occurred in Queensland between 1 January 2012 and 30 June 2013. The investigation also reviewed 19 notifications of potential workplace deaths received and triaged by the OFSWQ as out of jurisdiction or not work related within the same period.

I would be pleased to respond to any queries the Committee may have concerning the report.

Yours faithfully

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