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Dear Research Director

Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2016 & Director of Child Protection Litigation Bill 2016

Thank you for inviting the Queensland Law Society to attend the public hearing on the *Child Protection Reform Amendment Bill 2016* and the *Director of Child Protection Litigation Bill 2016* on the 5 April 2016.

We note the Member for Greenslopes, Mr Joe Kelly MP, asked the Society the question below, of which the Society agreed to take on notice:

The Committee has heard evidence that the court coordinator positions are invaluable in ensuring that the court system works efficiently. Could you please advise whether, in your opinion, the court coordinator position should be retained?

The committee supports the presence of a legally qualified practitioner that is responsible for the conduct of the matter to be present at court proceedings.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact our Policy Solicitor, Ms Louise Pennisi on (07) 3842 5979 or l.pennisi@qls.com.au

Yours faithfully



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