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Parliament House  
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Dear Mr Laurie

I refer to petition 2398-15 regarding the relocation of the Southport Probation and Parole office that was lodged with the Legislative Assembly on 14 July 2015.

I acknowledge the petitioners concerns about the location of the Southport Probation and Parole office. Obtaining suitable office premises for Probation and Parole offices can be difficult. It is important to note the offenders who report to a Probation and Parole office already live, and probably work, in their local area and would frequent their local shopping centre/s and public amenities.

Suitable Probation and Parole office space is identified and recommended to the Facilities Services Branch, Department of Justice and Attorney-General (DJAG) and to Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) by the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW), having regard to availability of public transport and wheelchair access and making sure it is located away from schools and/or child care centres.

The current lease is in place until October 2015. Due to an increase in the volume of offenders managed by the Southport office, I can advise a 12 month extension option is being considered to allow the sourcing of a suitable location and relocation of the office to occur in accordance with the program of QCS capital works in 2015-16. As with most, if not all, Probation and Parole offices, the office will need to be located in a central, convenient location, close to public transport and amenities.

The review and identification of suitable sites will be undertaken by the Facilities Services Branch, DJAG and the relocation should be completed by October 2016.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

The Hon. Jo-Ann Miller MP  
**Minister for Police, Fire and Emergency Services and  
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