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Senator Susan McDonald
Chair
Senate Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Legislation Committee

By email: rrat.sen@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator McDonald

Request for audit of Australian Wool Innovation

I am writing in response to your letter of 20 October 2021 requesting the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) conduct an audit of Australian Wool Innovation (AWI).

I have considered your request in the context of other priorities for audit coverage across the public sector. I consider that the matter you referred has merit as an area of audit focus and will consider undertaking it in 2021–22. If this is not possible, I will consider the matters you have raised in the development of audit topics for inclusion in the 2022–23 work program. The work program is designed to inform the Parliament, public and government entities of planned audit coverage to commence in the relevant year.

Consistent with the requirement that I have regard to the audit priorities of the Parliament the draft work program is provided to the Parliament for consultation through the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA), prior to its release in July. I expect this to occur between February and April 2022. This process represents a further opportunity for the Rural and Regional Affairs and Transport Committee to put forward its audit priorities for consideration.

Yours sincerely

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