



Auditor-General for Australia



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The Hon Ian Macfarlane MP
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Mr Macfarlane

JCPAA Report 451: Community Pharmacy Agreements: Review of Auditor-General Report No.25 (2014-15)

I am writing about the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's (JCPAA) Report 451, which made a recommendation directed to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO). The JCPAA recommendation and the ANAO response are set out below.

Recommendation 3: The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) consider conducting a follow-up audit on the implementation of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement to be completed no later than 30 months into the agreement's term.

Response: The ANAO is currently undertaking a follow-up audit of the implementation of the eight recommendations from the ANAO Performance Audit No.25 of 2014-15 *Administration of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement*, which is expected to be tabled in May 2016. A follow-up audit on the implementation of the Sixth Community Pharmacy Agreement will be considered in the context of the forward work plan for 2017-18.

Yours sincerely

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