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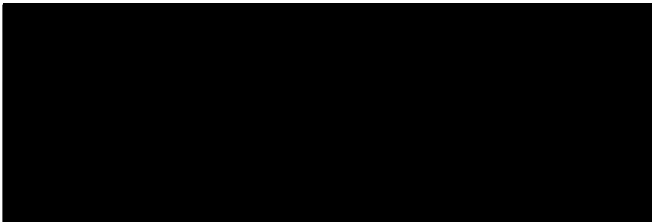
The Hon Linda Burney MP
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Chair

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Linda'.

Attached for the information of your Committee members is a copy of the Department of Home Affairs September 2024 update in response to recommendation 15 to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit – Report 498: 'Commitment Issues' – An inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement.

Yours sincerely



TONY BURKE

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EXECUTIVE MINUTE

on

**JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT
REPORT No. 498**

'Commitment issues' — An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement

Department of Home Affairs' (the Department's) Committee Update September 2024

The Department is pleased to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of the surveillance services procurement, in response to recommendation 15 the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report No. 498 'Commitment issues' — An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement (the Report).

Response to the recommendation(s)

Recommendation No. 15 paragraph

The Committee recommends that the Department of Home Affairs report back to the Committee, commencing in September 2023 and then six monthly until the current contract expires, on its progress in tendering and procuring a new surveillance services contract, given that it will have been 21 years since the contract was competitively procured if it runs to its current expiry date.

Progress

The Department has released the second stage of the procurement process, a Request for Tender (RFT), to organisations that were shortlisted from the Request for Expression of Interest (REOI). The RFT documentation was developed taking into consideration information from the REOI, lessons learnt, Australian Maritime Safety Authority audit and other recommendations.

Governance

In accordance with the Department's Accountable Authority Instructions, Financial Management Guidelines, Risk Management Framework and legal principles and practice, all RFT Approach to Market documentation was endorsed by the High Risk High Value Steering Committee prior to gaining Delegate approval.

Next steps

The RFT is scheduled to close in December 2024, with evaluations to commence quarter 3 2024-25.

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The Department looks forward to updating the Committee on the progress of the RFT in the next reporting period.

Signed by



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