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Senator Dean Smith
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
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Dear Senator Smith

Thank you for your letter dated 8 December 2017 to the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, regarding Response for JCPAA Report 469 - Recommendation 1 to the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C). I am responding on behalf of the Prime Minister.

PM&C has formally established the Corporate Plan as its primary planning document. The plan was revised for 2017-21, including the performance, risk oversight and management sections. In maturing the department's performance model, the 2017-21 Corporate Plan provided revised activities and improved how PM&C measures its performance. The KPIs and measures are designed to be relevant to business across PM&C's three purposes.

Corporate planning is integrated within PM&C's broader planning system, with internal plans aligned to the purposes and strategic activities of the Corporate Plan, and the Portfolio Budget Statement (PBS). Senior managers are responsible for designing effective performance measures and for the systems underpinning quality performance data. The 2018-22 Corporate Plan is currently being prepared, and will align with internal divisional plans.

PM&C continues to look for new ways to measure and report its performance and participates in the Department of Finance's communities of practice and other forums.

Yours sincerely

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