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Senator Dean Smith Chair Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit By email: icpaa@aph.gov.au

Dear Senator Smith

Australian National Audit Office response to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 469: Commonwealth Performance Framework

I am writing in relation to the recommendations directed to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) contained in the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) tabled Report 469, *Commonwealth Performance Framework*.

Recommendation 5: The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office consider conducting an audit of one complete Commonwealth performance reporting cycle, including whether a clear read of performance information has effectively been established, with consistent terminology and improved line of sight across performance reporting documentation.

ANAO Response:

The ANAO agrees to consider conducting an audit of one complete Commonwealth performance reporting cycle in the development of the ANAO's future program of work. The ANAO has included a proposed audit topic *Commonwealth performance reporting and the clear read principle* in the draft 2018-19 Annual Audit Work Program (work program). This audit, if commenced, would examine the status of the clear read principle across the full performance reporting cycle, following the implementation of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* by selected entities, for the 2017–18 financial year. My office is currently consulting on the draft work program and following receipt and consideration of feedback, the work program will be published on the ANAO website in early July 2018.

Yours sincerely

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