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Committee Secretariat
Australian Parliament House

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**Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2021-22
Invitation to make a submission**

Dear Ms Adams

ANSTO welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2021–22, based on Auditor-General Report No. 8 of 2022–23 Audits of the Financial Statements of Australian Government Entities for the Period Ended 30 June 2022.

At the conclusion of the 2021-22 Financial Statement audit, there was a moderate (B) finding raised against ANSTO in the Auditor-General report.

During the course of the 2020-21 audit, weaknesses were identified in ANSTO's controls relating to terminated users being removed from systems. The ANAO detected a further instance during the 2021-22 audit, leading the ANAO to conclude that processes implemented during the 2020-21 year were not yet fully effective.

ANSTO is committed to closing out this audit finding and continues to focus on cessation processes and procedures. ANSTO does continue to reinforce to line managers that all terminating employees must be appropriately offboarded from the system when departing ANSTO. ANSTO has implemented exception report processes to ensure terminated users have been appropriately offboarded.

ANSTO have been working with the external auditors to review the control improvements. The ANAO will review the effectiveness of the procedures and controls that have been implemented during the 2022-23 financial statement audit.

Please advise if you require further information in relation to this submission.

Yours sincerely



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