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Department of Broadband,
Communications and the Digital Economy

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Chair
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Dear Mr Oakeshott

Review of Auditor-General's Report No 31, Establishment and Use of Procurement Panels

At the 27 June 2012 hearing of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, Ms Gai Brodtmann MP asked both Ms Anne Thorpe and myself for SME participation statistics and I undertook to provide the Committee with these statistics.

For 2010-11, the Department of Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy had an overall SME participation rate of 59%. This participation rate significantly exceeded the target of 10%. Also, as indicated on 27 June, I can confirm that the Department does not specifically monitor SME participation on panels.

Yours sincerely

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