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Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
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Attention: Mr Tas Luttrell

Dear Mr Luttrell,

JCPAA - Questions on Notice

This letter is to follow up two questions on notice to the Department of Finance and Administration from the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, reference: Management and Integrity of Electronic Information in the Commonwealth, 2 June 2003.

1. Proof Committee Hansard Pg 249

Senator Lundy – Can DOFA nominate any standards that they apply to storage of electronic information or guidelines that they adhere to in that regard?

Finance's guidelines are consistent with those of the National Archives of Australia and rely on the legislative framework (Archives Act) for our policy on storing electronic information. This is reflected in CEI 5.9 Records Management, as well as in the Internet and Intranet governance arrangements for the Finance web sites.

2. Proof Committee Hansard Pg 253

Mr Staun – We will let the JCPAA know at that point in time.

This comment refers to the removal of the Internet firewall from Finance's current service provider, IBM GSA. At the time of the hearing the contract had not been signed with the new provider and could not be advised. It is now signed and the transfer to SecureNet took place on 1 July 2003.

Yours sincerely

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