

Executive Minute

on

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 480: Annual Report 2018-19

Recommendation No.1

*The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit recommends that the process for receiving Government Responses including Executive Minutes to its reports be streamlined by:*

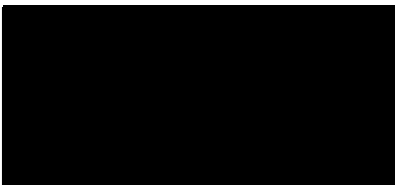
- *providing responses by the Government to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (the Committee) recommendations in a consolidated single-document format for each Committee report presented; and*
- *the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet be the whole-of-government co-ordinating agency for all responses to the Committee's reports in line with the current practice and process in place for parliamentary committees.*

Response

Agreed with qualification.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) is supportive of the first element of the recommendation that responses to recommendations are provided in a consolidated single-document format. PM&C is working with the JCPAA Secretariat on updated guidance to mandate a consolidated single document government response.

PM&C does not consider it is best placed to be the co-ordinating agency for all of the Committee's reports. Under the current arrangements for Government responses to other Parliamentary committee reports a lead co-ordinating agency is identified based on subject matter. PM&C is working with the JCPAA Secretariat on an improved process to identify a lead agency for each JCPAA report.



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