





23 December 2004

Mr Alistair Sands
Secretary
Senate Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee
Parliament House
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Mr Sands

Questions on Notice - Senator Murray, 30 November 2004

I refer to your letter to Dr Peter Shergold in relation to a list of Questions on Notice dated 22 November 2004.

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) has been requested by the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (PM&C) to respond to you directly in relation to question numbers PM 1 and PM3 from Senator Murray dated 30 November 2004. We shall respond to question number PM4 from Senator Ludwig through PM&C in due course.

The ANAO response is at Appendix A. Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this response please contact Denzil Bourne on 02 6203 7661.

Yours sincerely

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