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Ms Lucy Wicks MP
Chair
Joint Parliamentary Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Inquiry into Governance and Stewardship of Public Resources
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Dear Ms Wicks

Implementation of the Digital Continuity 2020 Policy

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) audit into the Implementation of the Digital Continuity 2020 Policy (DC2020). The audit and its findings are welcomed by the Attorney-General's Department. The report recognised the significant investment made by the department in meeting the targets of the policy.

No recommendations were directed to the department as a result of the audit. The ANAO assessed the Department against the 17 targets listed in the *Digital Continuity 2020 – Agency Implementation and Pathways* guide that were due by 31 December 2018 and found that the department had fully implemented or made substantial progress against all of the targets.

In relation to three of the 17 targets, the ANAO concluded that the department was partially compliant and identified areas for improvement to assist with full implementation of the target. The department is undertaking further work to implement the following principles:

- Principle 2: Agencies identify all information assets, evaluate risk and management requirements and identify strategies
- Principle 3: All business systems procured after this date will meet minimum metadata standards, and will be evaluated against the Archives' business systems assessment framework to meet functional requirements for information management.
- Principle 3: All business systems meet functional requirements for information management. Functional requirements are implemented where necessary.

Since the audit the Department has developed a workplan to address these findings and has made significant progress to ensure they are fully implemented. This work includes the review of the department's Records Authority which is currently in progress and the updating of the department's Information and Records Management policy.

The department is committed to effective information and records management and would be pleased to assist the Committee in its inquiry.

Yours sincerely



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