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Ms Susan Cardell  
Committee Secretary  
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit  
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Dear Ms Cardell

In accordance with your invitation of 1 April 2015 I would like to make a brief submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's Inquiry into Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework.

In September 2014 my Department initiated a review of its performance indicators, resulting in the development of new indicators which are consistent with our expectation of the requirements to be met under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013*. This review process was guided by the Australian National Audit Office's Report *Pilot Project to Audit Key Performance Indicators*.

However, guidance currently available from the Department of Finance on performance reporting is not definitive. While I am confident my Department is well positioned to meet reporting requirements, the provision of definitive guidance from the Department of Finance would be welcomed.

Should you require further information about performance indicators and reporting for my Department, please contact Mr Barry Press, Director, External Budgets on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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