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Dear Mr Brunoro

**Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) inquiry
response to Questions on Notice**

I am writing to you in response to the Questions on Notice taken by the Department of Finance (Finance) at the JCPAA inquiry into agencies' implementation of recommendations from the Auditor-General's *Audit Report No 53 (2012-13): Agencies' Implementation of Performance Audit Recommendations* that was held on Thursday, 13th February 2014. Hansard records indicate that Finance took three (3) Questions on Notice and the responses to these are at [Attachment A](#).

If you require further information relating to this response please contact Ms Gabrielle Groth on

Yours sincerely


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21 February 2014

Attachment A

Response to Question on Notice

JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Auditor-General's Audit Report No 53 (2012-13): Agencies' Implementation of Performance Audit Recommendations

GENERAL COMMENTS

Nil response.

SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Question 1 (Hansard page 6):

Finance is a central agency and you have whole of government role. You are now going down the path of implementing a database system. Can you give the committee a timeframe for implementation of that?

Response

It is expected that the database system will replace the existing manual spreadsheet system by 30 June 2014.

Question 2 (Hansard page 7):

How far do you think you are along the track of implementing a database system in the department?

Response

Finance is well advanced in implementing the database system and it is expected that it will be in use by 30 June 2014.

Question 3 (Hansard page 7):

Can you describe any outcomes that were impacted by the failure to achieve these recommendations on time?

Response

There is no evidence to suggest that the department's outcomes were impacted by the failure to achieve these recommendations on time.