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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, 13<sup>th</sup> 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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## 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.