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Dear Chair

On 30 September 2022, the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) conducted an inquiry into Commonwealth procurement with a focus on selected Auditor-General Reports, including report number 42 - Procurement of Delivery Partners for the Entrepreneurs' Programme.

I am writing to provide the Committee with an update on the status of the claims made under either the *Government Procurement (Judicial Review) Act 2018* (GP(JR) Act) and the Scheme for Compensation for Detriment caused by Defective Administration (CDDA Scheme).

As of 1 September 2025, 16 unsuccessful tenderers have submitted claims for compensation under the GP(JR) Act and the CDDA Scheme in relation to the EP procurement:

- 12 GP(JR) Act claims have been resolved ranging in value between \$11,000 and \$74,000;
- One GP(JR) Act claim has been closed due to a lack of response from the claimant;
- One GP(JR) Act claim is in progress;
- One CDDA Scheme claim has been withdrawn; and
- One CDDA Scheme claim has been on hold since March 2024 at the request of the claimant.

The department has been processing claims as efficiently as possible.

Given the sensitivities and active claims which are yet to be finalised, we are unable to provide further details of the finalised claims at this time.

Yours sincerely

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2 September 2025