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Dear Senator Smith

I am writing in response to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) Report 461: Commonwealth Risk Management, tabled on 10 May 2017. The report made one recommendation to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO). The recommendation and the ANAO's response are set out below.

Recommendation 2: The Committee recommends that the Auditor-General consider the merits of a follow-up audit of the Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services' administration of the Disability Support Pension. This audit could also focus on the implementation of recommendations made by previous Auditor-General and committee reports.

ANAO response: The ANAO is currently in the process of developing its 2018-19 Annual Audit Work Program. The ANAO will consider the merits of a follow-up audit of the administration of the Disability Support Pension in this context. I also note the ANAO's 2017-18 Annual Audit Work Program included an audit of the implementation of ANAO audit recommendations. Should this audit proceed, inclusion of the Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services will be considered as part of the planning for this audit.

Yours sincerely



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