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Auditor-General for Australia



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Mr Josh Burns
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

By email: jcpaa@aph.gov.au

Dear Mr Burns

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 512: Report of the inquiry into the administration of Commonwealth regulations

I am writing in relation to the recommendation directed to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) contained in the JCPAA Report 512: *Report of the inquiry into the administration of Commonwealth regulations*.

Recommendation 2

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office undertakes a follow-up performance audit of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources' implementation of the recommendations of Auditor-General Report No. 5 2023–24 Trade Measurement Compliance Activities, to assess the extent to which those recommendations have been implemented.

ANAO Response:

On 3 June 2025 I approved the commencement of an audit on the 'Implementation of Auditor-General recommendations—Department of Industry, Science and Resources'. The audit will examine whether the department implemented the six recommendations made in the *Trade measurement compliance activities* report together with the 10 recommendations made in the *Procurement of delivery partners for the Entrepreneurs' Programme* report (the subject of JCPAA Report 498: 'Commitment issues' — *An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement* recommendation 19).

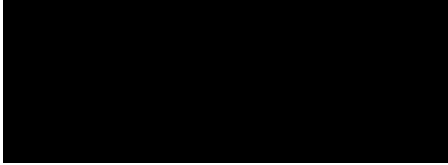
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The audit will assess whether the department has implemented the recommendations appropriately and within required timeframes.

I expect to table the audit in March 2026.

Yours sincerely



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