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Mr Josh Burns MP
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
Parliament House
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Dear Chair

Attached for the information of Committee members is a copy of the Department of Home Affairs February 2026 update in response to recommendation 15 to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit – Report 498: 'Commitment Issues' – An inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement.

Yours sincerely

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EXECUTIVE MINUTE

on

**JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT
REPORT No. 498**

**'Commitment issues' — An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement
General comments**

Department of Home Affairs' (the Department's) Committee Update February 2026

The Department is pleased to provide the Committee with an update on the progress of the surveillance services procurement, in response to recommendation 15 of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report No. 498 'Commitment issues' - An inquiry into Commonwealth procurement (the Report).

Response to the recommendation(s)

Recommendation No. 15

The Committee recommends that the Department of Home Affairs report back to the Committee, commencing in September 2023 and then six monthly until the current contract expires, on its progress in tendering and procuring a new surveillance services contract, given that it will have been 21 years since the contract was competitively procured if it runs to its current expiry date

Progress

The Request for Tender closed on 5 December 2024. The Department has completed the evaluation and is now finalising the negotiation phase.

Next steps

The negotiations are ongoing and scheduled to be completed in March 2026.

The Department looks forward to updating the Committee on the progress of the procurement in the next reporting period.

*Signed by
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