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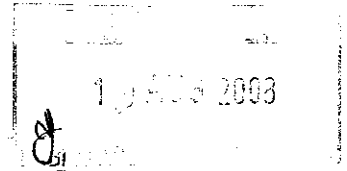
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Ms Deborah Jeffrey
Research Director
Public Accounts Committee
Parliament House
BRISBANE QLD 4000



Dear Ms Jeffrey

I refer to a letter from the Honourable Ken Hayward MP, dated 3 June 2008, regarding the Public Accounts Committee inquiry into aspects of the Queensland Audit Office's performance management systems audit mandate.

The Department of Justice and Attorney-General was audited in 2007 and the Auditor-General report to Parliament No. 4 of 2007 included the results of the performance management systems audit and its recommendations.

Overall, the department agreed with the findings and recommendations of the audit. The department had been aware for some time that its performance measures could be improved and that performance management systems, reporting and governance should be strengthened.

As the audit report notes, the department had initiated a project to review its output structure and output performance measures before the audit began. The timing of the audit was therefore opportune and provided useful feedback about areas for improvement. The report recommendations provided welcome guidance through the remainder of the project, particularly in relation to establishing stronger governance and systems control mechanisms for new and revised measures.

The audit findings have contributed to performance management systems improvements within the department which will lead to more accurate and reliable reporting of output information to Parliament and the community.

Should your officers have any queries in relation to this matter please contact Mr Brian Lovi, Executive Manager, Corporate Governance Branch on telephone number (07) 323 96320.

Yours sincerely

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