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Mr Philip R. Davis MP
Chairman
Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Parliament House, Spring Street
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Dear Mr Davis

Response to the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee's *Review of the Auditor-General's Reports January-June 2009 and Follow-up of PAEC Reports 82,86 and 91*

My Office has recently received correspondence from the Department of Treasury and Finance inviting VAGO to advise the Public Accounts and Estimates Committee of my intentions in response to a recommendation directed at VAGO in the Committee's *Review of the Auditor-General's Reports January-June 2009 and Follow-up of PAEC Reports 82,86 and 91*.

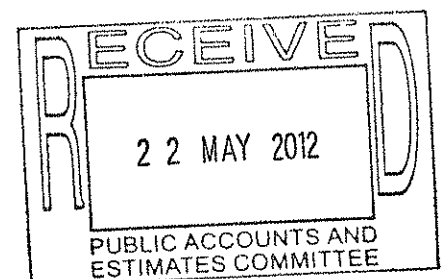
With regard to recommendation 13, the Victorian Ombudsman's *Own motion investigation into ICT-enabled projects* included examination of the Integrated Courts Management System (ICMS). This investigation was conducted in consultation with my Office and VAGO staff were seconded to the Victorian Ombudsman to assist in this investigation. The Department of Justice agreed to the Ombudsman's recommendation that all planned expenditure on, and development of, CourtView (the case management system) be put on hold until it has been independently reviewed.

The likely timeframes for full implementation of the ICMS, therefore, are not known. Nevertheless, the suggested performance audit topic will be considered as part of the development of future Annual Plans.

Yours sincerely



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Auditor-General



cc: Penelope McKay, Director Budget and Financial Management Division, Department of Treasury and Finance