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Dear Ms Minnican

I am writing about Report No. 6/56 of the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption, entitled *Review of the 2016-17 Annual Reports of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and the Inspector of the Independent Commission Against Corruption*.

I am writing to advise of the Government's response in relation to the recommendation of the Committee that I write to the Commonwealth Attorney General:

- reaffirming the NSW Government's support for an amendment to the *Telecommunications (Interception and Access) Act 1979 (Cth) (TIA Act)* to enable Inspectors of law enforcement and integrity agencies to access telecommunications material for audit purposes; and
- seeking an update on this issue.

I note that the former Premier, the Hon Mike Baird MP, wrote previously to the Committee indicating that officers from the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet raised this recommendation with officers from the Commonwealth Government. I understand that the Commonwealth indicated that the issue would be looked at through a review of the TIA Act.

I can also inform you that a recent NSW Government officer-level submission to the Commonwealth Government's Comprehensive Review of the Legal Framework Governing the National Intelligence Community stated that a holistic review of the TIA Act, in close consultation with states and territories, would be an appropriate way to address existing requests made by NSW regarding amendments to the TIA Act. This could include a consideration of the proposal to enable Inspectors of law enforcement and integrity agencies to access telecommunications material for audit purposes.

I am advised that the Commonwealth intends to undertake a review of the TIA Act soon.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact [REDACTED] Director, Department of Communities and Justice on [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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