



**Treasurer**



Mr Russell D Grove  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
Parliament House  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Clerk

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2011 enclosing a copy of Report No. 1/55 of the Committee on Public Accounts, *Conduct of the 2009 Review of the Audit Office under Section 48A of the Public Finance and Audit Act 1983*.

I support the Report's recommendation "that the Treasurer extend the timing of the independent reviews of the Audit Office by amending s 48A(1) of the Act by replacing '3' with '4'".

A copy of my letter to the Chair of the Committee, Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP, is enclosed for your information.

Yours sincerely

**THE HON MIKE BAIRD MP**  
Treasurer

27 SEP 2011

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Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP  
Chair  
Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament House  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Chair

Thank you for your letter of 7 September 2011 concerning the statutory requirement for the Public Accounts Committee to appoint a reviewer to examine the auditing practices and standards of the Auditor-General every three years under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1983* (the Act).

I support the Committee's resolution that the Act be amended to extend the review period to every four years rather than every three years, on the basis that the Committee considers it a better use of its time and resources.

Yours sincerely

THE HON MIKE BAIRD MP  
Treasurer

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