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Dear Ms Miller

I write in response to Report No. 13/55 of the Public Accounts Committee – *Follow Up of the Auditor-General's 2012 Financial Audit Reports*.

I am pleased to provide the House with the attached NSW Government response to the Public Accounts Committee.

Yours sincerely



MIKE BAIRD MP
Premier

**NSW GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO REPORT 13/55 OF THE PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE – FOLLOW UP OF THE
AUDITOR-GENERAL'S 2012 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS**

RECOMMENDATION	NSW GOVERNMENT RESPONSE
<p>Recommendation 1</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the NSW Government Digital Information Security Policy be amended to include a requirement that all agencies periodically test their disaster recovery plans that this be included in the annual attestation requirements of the policy.</p>	<p>The inclusion of this requirement will be considered in a review of the NSW Government Digital Information Security Policy at the end of 2014.</p>
<p>Recommendation 2</p> <p>The Committee recommends that the Minister for Regional Infrastructure and Services negotiates a solution to the unresolved loan repayment with Greyhound Racing NSW and the Wentworth Park Sporting Complex Trust by 30 June 2014.</p>	<p>This issue is being included in the negotiations to extend a lease agreement with Greyhound Racing NSW in relation to Wentworth Park. These negotiations are close to completion.</p>
<p>Recommendation 3</p> <p>The Committee recommends that NSW Health and the Local Health Districts seek to resolve the legal and consultation issues surrounding the transfer of funds from special purpose accounts to the Public Contributions Trust before the 31 December 2013 deadline, to ensure the process for the transfer of funds can be established in line with the deadline given by the Auditor-General.</p>	<p>Special purpose accounts have been reviewed and documentation procedures formalised. Legal and consultation issues will be addressed in revising the NSW Health Financial Accounting Manual by 30 June 2014, which will include amending procedures for the closure and transfer of special purpose accounts in line with the Auditor-General's recommendations.</p>