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Dear Clerk

**Review of the 2017-2018 Annual Reports of the ICAC and the Inspector of the ICAC**

Thank you for your letter to the Premier dated 22 November 2019 referring, under Standing Order 303A of the Legislative Assembly, a recommendation made by the Committee on the Independent Commission Against Corruption (the Committee) in its report entitled *Review of the 2017-2018 Annual Reports of the ICAC and the Inspector of the ICAC*.

The Committee recommended “that the NSW Government examines a new independent funding model for the ICAC in the current budget cycle.”

In line with the Committee’s recommendation, the Government has asked the Auditor-General to undertake an audit of the effectiveness of the financial arrangements and management practices of the ICAC and other integrity agencies. The audit will assess, among other things:

- how the integrity agencies assess the funding requirements for meeting their legislative mandate,
- whether the existing funding mechanisms effectively support integrity agencies to achieve their legislative mandate, and
- whether integrity agencies monitor the efficiency of their operations.

Further information about the Auditor-General’s audit is available at <https://www.audit.nsw.gov.au/our-work/reports/financial-arrangements-and-management-practices-of-integrity-agencies>.

The Government is committed to giving the matters raised by the Committee due consideration and will carefully consider the report of the Auditor-General in relation to these issues.

Yours sincerely

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