



Early Childhood and Primary Education  
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Mr Paul McLeay MP  
Member for Heathcote  
Chair  
Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee  
Parliament of New South Wales  
Macquarie Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Mr McLeay

I write in response to your correspondence of 11 June 2008, to the Director-General of Education and Training, Mr Michael Coutts-Trotter, regarding the Department's response to the Auditor-General's Report on *Responding to Homelessness*. As the senior officer in the Department with responsibility for this matter I have been asked to reply to you.

Homelessness is a complex social issue that requires the involvement of all levels of government and the support of non-government organisations. The Partnership Against Homelessness (PAH) Sub-Committee, chaired by the NSW Department of Housing, is the principal means by which the Department works with other government agencies to address homelessness.

I have been advised that the Department of Premier and Cabinet has confirmed with the Legislative Assembly Public Accounts Committee that it will be suitable for a single submission to be prepared by the NSW Strategic Framework Working Group on behalf of all PAH agencies.

The Department will continue to be involved in the development of the NSW Homelessness Strategic Framework.

I trust this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Robyn McKerihan'.

Robyn McKerihan  
**GENERAL MANAGER**  
**ACCESS AND EQUITY**  
3 July 2008