

INQUIRY INTO FOLLOW UP OF AUDITOR-GENERAL'S 2010 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORTS

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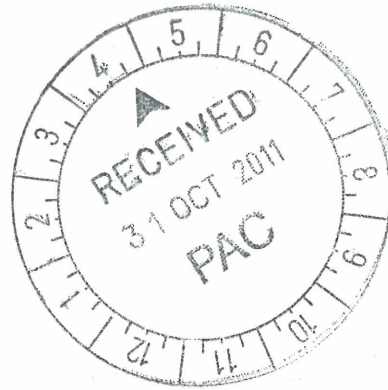
Summary



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19 October 2011

Jonathan O'Dea MP
Chair, Public Accounts Committee
Legislative Assembly
Parliament of New South Wales
Macquarie Street
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Dear Jonathan O'Dea, MP

I refer to your letter of 7 September requesting the Department's response to the Auditor-General's recommendation that, the Department of Transport reconsider the appropriateness of employment arrangements for State Transit.

The entire Transport cluster is currently undergoing significant reform and restructure, including changes to some employment arrangements. In line with Government policy to improve the delivery of transport services to NSW, Transport for New South Wales is being created to co-ordinate delivery of transport services across all modes and with a renewed focus on the customer. The establishment of Transport for NSW will mean front line staff at State Transit and other service delivery agencies will be able to focus on the provision of reliable and efficient world-class transport service to customers.

I understand that the decision to employ staff under employment Divisions, rather than directly by State Transit, was a policy decision made by the previous Government and was co-ordinated centrally within government. While there is a specific issue in State Transit concerning the access to training grants from the Commonwealth Government, the broader policy issue of continuing the arrangement to employ the staff of some Statutory Authorities in employment divisions is a matter of policy that is within the accountability of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

Accordingly, I am raising this matter with the Director General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet.

The Department of Transport has a productive relationship with the Audit Office, and values the contribution the audit process makes to improve the ongoing management of the agencies in the Transport cluster. In particular the Department has appreciated the

co-operation and advice that the Audit Office has provided during this year as the Department prepared the first set of consolidated accounts for the transport cluster following the amendments to the Transport Administration Act last year.

Yours sincerely



Les Wielinga
Director General

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