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**EXAMINATION OF THE AUDITOR-GENERAL'S  
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Dear Mr Notley-Smith

I write in response to your letter of 20 June 2016, requesting a submission outlining the Department of Education's response to the Auditor-General's performance audit report *Implementing Performance Audit Recommendations*, tabled 24 June 2015 (your reference: D16/17752).

The Auditor-General made one recommendation in the abovementioned report, that agencies use the Audit Office's better practice checklist to implement performance audit recommendations. This recommendation has been fully implemented by the Department with the following actions.

As part of the audit reporting process, the Department's Audit Directorate consults with the Department's Executive on all outstanding performance audit recommendations. The Audit Directorate conducts reviews at the end of each calendar quarter and provides a report detailing all outstanding performance audit recommendations and the proposed actions and status updates to the Department's Executive Meeting and the Audit and Risk Committee.

The quarterly reporting process ensures that the Department's Executive is kept informed of all performance audit recommendations and the anticipated implementation completion dates. In addition, where implementation of a recommendation is close to being due, the appropriate Deputy Secretary is notified and updates are requested. As part of the consultation process with the Executive, the Audit Directorate continually reviews the proposed actions and status updates to ensure that they remain current and relevant.

The Department's 2015 Annual Report detailed the Department's progress against performance audit recommendations. The Annual Report has been tabled in Parliament and published on the Department's website.

Yours sincerely



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