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No 1**

**EXAMINATION OF SELECTED AUDITOR-GENERAL'S FINANCIAL  
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**Organisation:** NSW Health

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Your ref D21/20730  
Our ref S21/210

Dear Mr Piper

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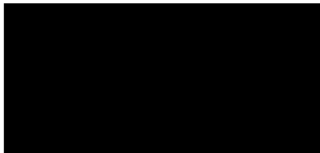
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Thank you again for writing. For more information, please contact [REDACTED], A/Director, Policy and Funding Reform, Government Relations Branch, NSW Ministry of Health at [REDACTED]

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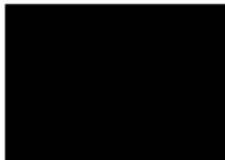
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