

The Hon. Don Harwin MLC

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By email: david.blunt@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Dear Mr Blunt

Government response to Public Accountability Committee's Report 8

I write to provide the Government's response to the Public Accountability Committee's First Report on its inquiry into the integrity, efficacy and value for money of NSW Government grant programs (Report 8).

The provision of government grants is an important component of government funding and, by providing financial support in a variety of circumstances, is critical to enhancing the quality of life of the people of NSW.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the administration of government grants is optimised, so that grants programs operate transparently and effectively, and deliver improved outcomes and value for money.

I note that the Committee is due to table its Final Report and related recommendations by 29 October 2021. The Government will provide a holistic response to the Committee's recommendations in its First Report together with any additional recommendations in its Final Report following its tabling.

I would be grateful if you could arrange for this letter to be tabled as the Government's response to Report 8.

Yours sincerely

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