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Re: Report 1/58 – Review of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Reports of the ICAC and the Inspector of the ICAC

Dear Ms Minnican,

I am writing in response to recommendation 3 of the Committee's Report 1/58 entitled 'Review of the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Annual Reports of the ICAC and the Inspector of the ICAC'.

Recommendation 3 states:

"[t]hat the NSW Government provide an update on any consultation or planning that has taken place in relation to the adoption of new arrangements to support the independence of the ICAC".

On 6 August 2024, the Treasurer issued 'Treasurer's Direction TD24-12 Charter of Independence for NSW integrity agencies' (**Treasurer's Direction**).

The Treasurer's Direction codifies special budget arrangements that have been applied to the integrity agencies, including the Independent Commission Against Corruption (**ICAC**).

The Government has also introduced, and the Parliament has enacted, the *Government Sector Finance Amendment (Integrity Agencies) Act 2024* (**GSF Amendment Act**), which amended the *Government Sector Finance Act 2018* to complement the Treasurer's Direction.

The GSF Amendment Act was introduced on 7 August 2024, received assent on 23 September 2024 and commenced by proclamation on 9 October 2024.

Together, the Treasurer's Direction and the GSF Amendment Act codify the existing budget management model for the ICAC and further strengthen the transparency of integrity agency funding arrangements in NSW.

The Government consulted with the heads of the integrity agencies, including the Chief Commissioner of the ICAC, the Hon John Hatzistergos AM, on the Treasurer's Direction and Government Sector Finance Amendment (Integrity Agencies) Bill 2024.

The Chief Commissioner's feedback was taken into consideration in preparing the Treasurer's Direction and Government Sector Finance Amendment (Integrity Agencies) Bill 2024.

The NSW Government is committed to ensuring that the ICAC receives the funding it needs to enable the efficient and effective exercise of its important functions.

Sincerely,



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