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Dear Dr Lawrence

Audit of the Department for Health and Wellbeing for the year to 30 June 2023

We have completed the audit of your accounts for the year ended 30 June 2023. Two key outcomes from the audit are the:

- 1 Independent Auditor's Report on your agency's financial report
- 2 audit management letters recommending you address identified weaknesses.

1 Independent Auditor's Report

We are returning the financial report for the Department for Health and Wellbeing, with the Independent Auditor's Report. This report is unmodified. The *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* allows me to publish documents on the Auditor-General's Department website. The enclosed Independent Auditor's Report and accompanying financial report will be published on that website on Tuesday 17 October 2023.

My annual report to Parliament indicates that we have issued an unmodified Independent Auditor's Report on your financial report.

2 Audit management letters

During the year, we sent you audit management letters detailing the weaknesses we noted and improvements we considered you need to make, including matters we considered in forming our collective opinion on financial controls required by the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987*.

We have received responses to our letters and will follow these up in the 2023-24 audit.

I have also included summary comments about these matters in my annual report. These identify areas we assessed as not meeting a sufficient standard of financial management, accounting and control.

What the audit covered

Our audits meet statutory audit responsibilities under the *Public Finance and Audit Act 1987* and the Australian Auditing Standards.

Our audit covered the principal areas of the agency's financial operations and included test reviews of systems, processes, internal controls and financial transactions.

I would like to thank the staff and management of your agency for their assistance during this year's audit.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Richardson
Auditor-General

21 September 2023

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