

# Appendix two - Response from Department of Parliamentary Services



DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES  
Office of the Chief Executive

Ref: D18/33796

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24 September 2018

Dear Ms Crawford

**Re: Auditor-General's Report to Parliament – Members' Additional Entitlements 2017**

I refer to your Report to Parliament on Members' Additional Entitlements 2017 and specifically to the section titled "Enhanced public reporting of Members' expenditure claims is expected" and wish to add the comments below.

The Parliament will not be able to report on expenditure claims from 1 July 2019, as expected by the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal, without significant capital funding. To regularly publish details of Members' expenditure claims on its website in an accessible and searchable format will require capital investment of \$2.751 million and ongoing recurrent funding of \$458,000. These figures have been updated, since originally supplied to the Tribunal, to take account of price increases whilst the project awaits funding.

The Tribunal wrote to the Secretary of NSW Treasury to request favourable consideration of this funding for inclusion in the Parliament's 2018-19 budget allocation. No funding was provided in the 2018-19 Budget. The Parliament has subsequently sought supplementary funding to be provided by the Treasurer for 2018-19 to commence work on the required systems with an anticipated completion during 2019-20, if funded.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mark Webb'.

Mark Webb  
Chief Executive