



Appendix one – Response from agencies

Response from the Department of Education



Mr Ian Goodwin
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Dear Mr Goodwin

Thank you for your letter of 31 May 2019, providing the Department of Education with a copy of the final Performance Audit report on Ensuring contract management capability in government.

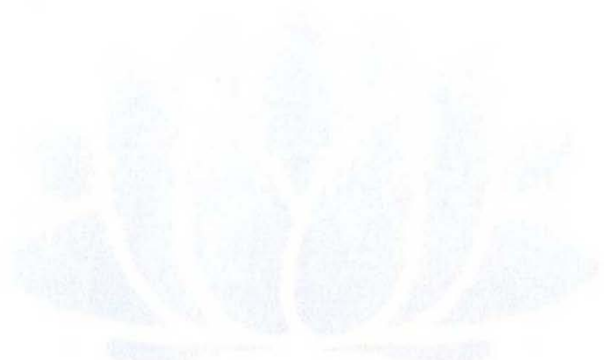
The Department has reviewed the report and has accepted all recommendations and will address these by the suggested due date of December 2019.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Audit Office of New South Wales for their work in compiling the report.

Yours sincerely

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Response from the Public Service Commission



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Attention: Mr Michael Thistlethwaite, Acting Assistant Auditor-General

Dear Mr Goodwin

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Final Performance Audit Report on Ensuring contract management capability – Department of Education, dated 31 May 2019 (your ref PA6635/D1911545).

The introduction to the report references the NSW Public Sector Capability Framework and Procurement Professionals Capability Set under the heading *NSW Government policies, frameworks and guidance which relate to contract management capability* (Final report page 6).

It is important to note that the Capability Framework and Procurement Professionals Capability Set were developed for application to individuals in a sector of widely varying agency structures, functions and capability needs. The capabilities are generic in nature and built around indicators that are meant to be applied flexibly in the organisation context.

Application of these resources is highly recommended but not mandatory, allowing agencies to avoid duplication and confusion where roles are subject to other award or external professional or technical capability/competence requirements.

I am pleased to note that the Department of Education applies the capabilities in its role descriptions and provides a professional development program for staff who manage contracts that is consistent with the Capability Framework (Final report page 13), as well as broader organisational support and guidance in contract management (Final report page 10).

If you have any queries regarding the above, please contact Ms Margaret Heys, Senior Advisor on 9272 6030 or margaret.heids@psc.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely


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