

Appendix one – Response from the Department of Parliamentary Services



DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES
Office of the Chief Executive

Ref: D19/05908

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Ms Margaret Crawford
Auditor-General of NSW
Audit Office
Level 15, 1 Margaret Street
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Dear Ms Crawford

Re: Auditor-General's Report to Parliament – Members' Additional Entitlements 2018

I refer to your Report to Parliament on Members' Additional Entitlements 2018 and specifically to the section titled 'Enhanced public reporting of Members' expenditure claims'.

The Parliament has continued to seek capital funding from NSW Treasury for the purpose of developing the required systems to achieve the original recommendation from your office.

As previously indicated, the desired outcomes cannot be achieved without significant capital funding. To regularly publish details of Members' expenditure claims on its website in an accessible and searchable format will require a minimum capital investment of \$2.751 million and ongoing recurrent funding of at least \$458,000.

Further to my previous advice to you on 24 September 2018, I can confirm Parliament has again requested funding from NSW Treasury in its recent budget proposals for the purpose of commencing work on the required systems during the 2019-20 financial year. However, at the time of writing, the outcome of our request is not as yet known.

Yours sincerely,

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

Mark Webb
Chief Executive