

Appendix one – Response from Department of Parliamentary Services



DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY SERVICES
Office of the Chief Executive

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Ms Margaret Crawford
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Dear Ms Crawford

Re: Auditor-General's Report to Parliament - Members' Additional Entitlements 2021

I refer to your report to Parliament on Members' Additional Entitlements 2021 and specifically to the following items titled:

1. Enhanced public reporting of Members' expenditure claims

The Department remains committed to implementing the enhanced public reporting of Members' expenditure claims as contained in the Annual Report and Determination of the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal dated 16 May 2018.

As indicated in previous years, the Department requires significant funding from NSW Treasury to develop appropriate systems in respect to the original recommendation put forward by the Audit Office. I can confirm the Department has again submitted a proposal for funding to NSW Treasury as part of its 2022/23 budget cycle.

2. Clarifying key parameters of the annual Determination

The Department remains committed to working with the Parliamentary Remuneration Tribunal in respect to any additional guidance to be provided to Members in respect to the activities that meet the definition of 'parliamentary duties'.

In supporting this work, the Department has previously undertaken some preliminary work on the definition of parliamentary duties and the activities that meet the definition in the context of select Australian jurisdictions.

Yours sincerely

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Mark Webb
Chief Executive