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Dear Secretary

Fraud control measures

Paragraph 17AG(2)(b) of the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Rule 2014 requires that the department's annual report includes certification from the accountable authority that fraud risk assessments and fraud control plans have been prepared, appropriate mechanisms for preventing, detecting incidents of, investigating or otherwise dealing with, and recording or reporting fraud are in place, and all reasonable measures have been taken to deal appropriately with fraud.

The enclosed Fraud Control Report will be presented to the Executive Board in September 2019. It describes that the department has:

- 1. A 2018-20 Fraud and Corruption Control Plan,
- 2. Conducted fraud risk assessments and established measures to mitigate identified fraud risks, and
- 3. Established mechanisms to prevent, detect, investigate, record and facilitate reporting of fraud incidents, including:
 - a. A strategic assessment of the department's fraud control framework and methodology
 - b. Development of an active detection capability, and
 - c. An enterprise fraud risk profile.

The Fraud Control Report has been submitted to Audit and Assurance Committee and for discussion at their meeting of 30 August 2019.

The Fraud Control Report demonstrates that the department has undertaken all reasonable measures to deal appropriately with fraud in 2018-19, and I recommend that you sign the fraud compliance statement.

Yours sincerely

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