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Dear Secretary

Fraud control measures

The *Public Governance*, *Performance and Accountability Rule 2014*, paragraph 17AG(2)(b) requires that the department's annual report include 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 2018. It describes that the department has:

- 1. a 2017-18 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 strategic assessment of the department's fraud control framework and methodology
 - development of an active detection capability, and
 - an enterprise fraud risk profile.

The Audit and Assurance Committee received and noted a copy of the Fraud Control Report at their meeting on 31 August 2018.

The Fraud Control report demonstrates that the department has undertaken all reasonable measures to deal appropriately with fraud in 2017-18 and I recommend that you sign the fraud compliance statement.

Yours sincerely

Sacha Moran General Counsel

3 September 2018