



Auditor-General for Australia



9 December 2015

The Hon Shayne Neumann MP
Shadow Minister for Indigenous Affairs
Shadow Minister for Ageing
Federal Member for Blair
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Dear Mr Neumann

Response to request for a performance audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy

I refer to your letter of 7 September 2015 requesting me to undertake an audit of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy with a particular focus on the application and assessment processes, availability of funding, distribution of grants, level of Ministerial discretion, incorporation requirements and transparency in data on Indigenous expenditure.

In light of your concerns, and the ongoing concerns raised in the Parliament and media, I have decided to conduct a performance audit of the establishment and implementation of the Indigenous Advancement Strategy.

The audit will examine whether the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has effectively established and implemented the Indigenous Advancement Strategy to support the achievement of the outcomes desired by government.

The audit is to commence in February 2016 and is expected to be tabled in the Parliament during the Spring 2016 sitting period.

If you have any questions regarding the audit please contact the responsible Group Executive Director, Michelle Kelly on (02) 6203 7677. I can also be contacted on (02) 6203 7500.

Yours sincerely

Grant Hehir
Auditor-General