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Dear Auditor-General

Review of the Workforce Australia procurement processes

As you may be aware, the Department of Education, Skills and Employment recently undertook a large-scale procurement exercise to select providers to deliver a range of employment and related services from 1 July 2022.

It is important that the Australian public can have confidence in the commissioning of Government services and on 4 April 2022, the Australian Labor Party committed to review the process by which these employment services procurement decisions were made.

I believe the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) is ideally placed to undertake such a review as a trusted independent Office of the Parliament and consistent with the ANAO's focus on the public service delivery of key accountabilities outlined in the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act).

I am therefore writing to seek your agreement for the ANAO to review the recent procurement process compliance with the PGPA Act and the Commonwealth Procurement Rules and the effectiveness of the independent assurance measures that were put in place.

I look forward to a response at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Richard Marles'.

Richard Marles

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