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Your ref: COMM2012/00014.75

Ms Lia Finocchiaro MLA
Chair Public Accounts Committee
GPO Box 3721
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Dear Ms Finocchiaro

Re: Inquiry into Management of ICT Projects

On 10 September 2013, you wrote to me regarding the Public Accounts Committee inquiry into extensive delays and financial implications of the Department of Infrastructure's Asset Management System (AMS).

The Department of the Legislative Assembly (DLA) understands that AMS was originally designed to replace nine legacy systems across government systems. Of those nine, the one the DLA regularly utilised was the Building Asset Management System (BAMS), also under the control of the Department of Infrastructure.

The DLA's experience with AMS to date has been limited, with very basic information only becoming available in the past few months. Provided AMS is able to provide the Department with similar information and documentation that was available under BAMS, then it will meet the Department's project objectives. In the last financial year the DLA was unable to access financial information, which had implications for repair and maintenance programs.

The Public Accounts Committee is also inquiring into options for improving ICT procurement and management across government.

The DLA welcomes opportunities to enhance current practice. The Department has unique ICT needs and requires specialist knowledge and equipment in order to provide advice and services which support the Assembly, its Members and Committees and promote community engagement. In view of this, assistance is sought to provide an evidence based approach to derive the right initiatives for this agency and to avoid situations of 'lock in' in respect of customised or bespoke ICT solutions.

Yours sincerely


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Speaker

11th November 2013