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## ACT AUDITOR-GENERAL'S OFFICE

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Legislative Assembly for the ACT  
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Dear Mr Smyth

### Question on Notice and Correction to Proof Transcript

Please find attached a response to a Question on Notice in relation to public interest disclosures that was taken at the hearing on 17 December 2013.

I would also like to bring to your attention a correction we have requested to be made to the proof transcripts on page 191 to the following statement:

**Dr Cooper:** Homelessness was done concurrently. So we all tried to do the audit in that arena, but we did not share any information. We did **not** (my emphasis) collaborate on criteria. We had a general framework and then we said, "This is the general area. We'll now go and do that." And then, post the event, they are trying to put the picture together as to what is the message nationally. This other way will allow us to try to develop a framework before we do the audits.

The above statement includes the word 'not' and this is an error. Furthermore, clarity is needed regarding what information was not shared. The Audit Office did collaborate on the audit criteria during the planning stages of the audit. However, the Audit Office did not share information with other Audit Offices on emerging issues and potential findings during the conduct of the audit. This information was shared after the audit was tabled and then only that in the audit report was made available.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Cooper".

Dr Maxine Cooper  
Auditor-General  
30 January 2014