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Ms Amanda Bresnan, MLA  
Chair  
Select Committee on Privileges 2011  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
London Circuit  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Ms Bresnan

Please find attached, information you requested in your letter of 24 October 2011.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Duncan".

Tom Duncan  
Clerk of the Legislative Assembly  
27 October 2011

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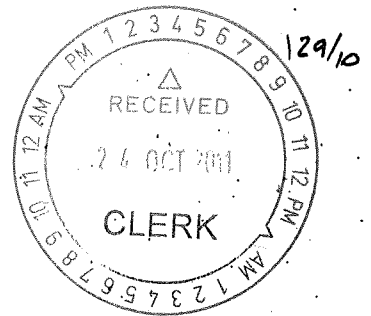
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LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY  
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Ms Amanda Bresnan MLA (Chair); Mr Simon Corbell MLA (Deputy Chair); Mr Zed Seselja MLA

Mr Tom Duncan  
Clerk  
ACT Legislative Assembly  
GPO Box 1020  
Canberra ACT 2600



Dear Mr Duncan

I am writing at the request of the Select Committee on Privileges 2011 which is inquiring into the possible improper interference with the free exercise of a committee's authority.

The Committee is keen to be given access to the records of the previous Standing Committee on Public Accounts which dealt with the appointment of the previous Auditor-General approximately 7 years ago.

The Committee therefore requests that copies of the relevant documents be made available to the Committee by 28 October 2011 to assist the Committee in its deliberations.

Amanda Bresnan MLA  
Chair

24 October 2011



# LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY FOR THE AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

## STANDING COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

Mr Brendan Smyth MLA, Ms Karin MacDonald MLA, Ms Kerrie Tucker MLA

Mr Jon Stanhope, MLA  
Chief Minister  
Legislative Assembly for the ACT

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Dear Chief Minister

Jon

### Appointment – ACT Auditor-General

Thank you for your letter of 3 February 2004 in relation to an extension of time for the Committee to consider the proposed appointment of Mrs Tu Pham as ACT Auditor-General.

Pursuant to section 8 of the *Auditor-General Act 1996*, the Committee considered the proposed candidate and agreed to the appointment.

Yours sincerely

Brendan Smyth, MLA  
Chair

9 February 2004



# Jon Stanhope MLA

CHIEF MINISTER

ATTORNEY GENERAL MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT  
MINISTER FOR COMMUNITY AFFAIRS

MEMBER FOR GINNINDERRA



Mr Brendan Smyth MLA  
Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Accounts  
Legislative Assembly  
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Smyth

Thank you for your letter of 9 January 2004 about the existing acting arrangements and the long-term filling of the Auditor-General position.

A recommendation for appointment to the position has been received and agreed to by the Executive. I wrote to the Committee on 13 January 2004 to consult on the appointment, in accordance with the provisions of Item 6 of the Schedule to the *Auditor-General Act 1996*. The Deputy Chair of the Committee has since responded on 15 January 2004 requesting more time to consider the proposal due to the heavy workload of the Committee.

I have written to Ms MacDonald to confirm an extension to 26 February 2004, as outlined under Section 8 of the *Auditor-General Act 1996*.

Mr Sheville will continue to act in the position until the appointment arrangements are finalised.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister

- 3 FEB 2004

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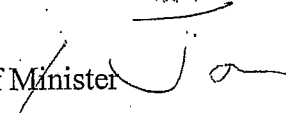
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Dear Chief Minister 

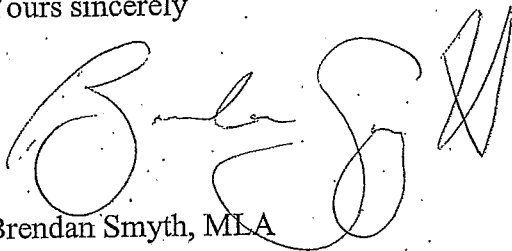
**Extension of existing arrangement for Acting Auditor-General**

Thank you for letter dated 23 December 2003 in relation to the extension of the existing arrangement for the Acting Auditor-General.

The Committee considered and noted the existing arrangement in place of Mr Bernie Sheville as Acting Auditor-General and would appreciate further information as to how long an extension will be required.

The Committee is also interested to know when the process for filling the position of Auditor-General will be completed and why there has been such a delay to date.

Yours sincerely



Brendan Smyth, MLA  
Chair

9 January 2004



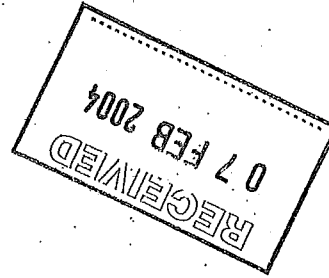
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MEMBER FOR GINNINDERRA

Ms MacDonald MLA  
Deputy-Chair  
Standing Committee on Public Accounts  
Legislative Assembly  
CANBERRA ACT 2601



Dear Ms MacDonald

Thank you for your letter of 15 January 2004 in which you request an extension to consider the appointment of the position of Auditor-General.

As outlined under Section 8 of the *Auditor-General Act 1996*, I have agreed an extension of 30 days to allow the Committee to consider this important appointment. The Government looks forward to a response from the Committee by 26 February 2004.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister  
- 3 FEB 2004



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Mr Jon Stanhope, MLA  
Chief Minister  
Legislative Assembly for the ACT

Jon  
Dear Chief Minister

**Appointment of ACT Auditor-General**

Thank you for your letter received 13 January 2004 in relation to the proposed appointment of Ms Tu Pham as ACT Auditor-General.

Due to the heavy workload of the Committee and in accordance with section 8 of the *Auditor-General Act 1996*, the Committee is requesting more time to consider the proposal.

Yours sincerely

Karin MacDonald, MLA  
Deputy Chair

15 January 2004

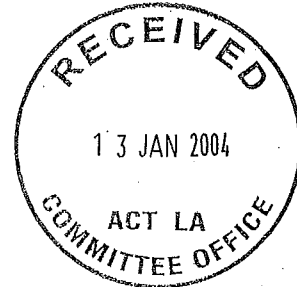


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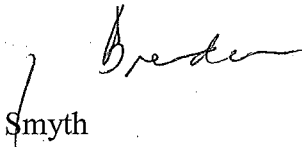
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Dear Mr Smyth

In accordance with section 8 of the *Auditor-General's Act 1996*, I am seeking your consideration of the nominee for appointment as the next ACT Auditor-General.

The selection committee for the position comprised Mr Mike Harris, Chief Executive, ACT Chief Minister's Department as Chair, Mr Ian McPhee, General Manager, Financial Management Group, Department of Finance and Administration and Ms Sandra Lambert, Chief Executive, ACT Department of Disability, Housing and Community Services.

The committee has recommended Ms Tu Pham for the position. Ms Pham has significant public sector management and financial management experience. The Committee considered that Ms Pham clearly demonstrated leadership and integrity, program management and policy development experience required for this key public sector position in the Territory. A summary of the nominee's experience is at Attachment A.

I would appreciate your favourable consideration of the nomination and any written comments within the relevant period as stated under section 8 of the Act.

Yours sincerely

Jon Stanhope MLA  
Chief Minister

13 JAN 2004

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**ACT AUDITOR-GENERAL**

**RECOMMENDED CANDIDATE**

**Ms Tu Pham**

Currently performing the role of Chief Executive and Under Treasurer, Ms Pham has substantial experience and expertise in public sector management, including as a statutory office holder in the ACT (Commissioner for ACT Revenue from 1996 to 2000 and Commissioner, ACT Legal Aid Commission). She has taken on jobs of increasing responsibility and complexity since graduating from the University of Queensland in 1975 with a Bachelor of Economics degree. She also has a strong background in managing across other disciplines, such as engineering and law.

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## TU PHAM PSM

**Surname:** Pham (Mrs)  
**First name:** Tu

### Qualifications:

- Bachelor of Economics, University of Queensland, 1972-75
- Completed 2nd year level of a Bachelor of Social Work, Uni of QLD, 1977-79.
- International Baccalaureate, Part 1 and 2, Vietnam 1971

### Awards

- 1998 Australian Day Honour- Award of A Public Service Medal for outstanding services.
- Colombo Plan Scholarship, 1972-75
- Dux of Hoi An High School, Vietnam 1971

### Professional membership

Fellow of the Australian Institute of Management  
Vice President, Institute of Public Administration Australia (IPAA), ACT Division

### Past Board memberships

Commissioner, ACT Legal Aid Commission  
Member, Kingston Foreshore Development Authority  
Member, Gungahlin Development Authority  
Member, Finance and Investment Board  
Chair, Government Procurement Board  
Member, ACT Public Trustee Investment Board

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**10 November 2003 to date**

A/g Chief Executive and Under Treasurer

**September 2000 to November 2003**

**Deputy Chief Executive**

**Department of Treasury**

July to December 2002

A/g Chief Executive and A/g Under Treasurer

June to September 2000

A/g Chief Executive and A/g Under Treasurer

### Primary responsibilities

- Together with the Chief Executive, responsible for the overall management of the Department of Treasury - 200 staff, and a budget of \$69m.
- Contributing to the sound management of the ACT finances by providing advice on budgetary, financial and economic matters
- Implementation of national tax reform agenda as per the Intergovernmental Agreement on the Reform of Commonwealth-State Financial Relations.
- Development of Government procurement policy, and an accreditation system for conducting procurement activities by Government agencies.
- Monitoring the performance of GBEs

**June 1996 to May 2000**

**Commissioner for ACT Revenue, ACT Revenue Office**

**Chief Minister's Department**

### Primary responsibilities:

- Statutory position, appointed by the Treasurer.
- Management of the ACT Revenue Office (80 staff) with an annual budget of \$10m
- Revenue collection of over \$500 million annually, approximately 50% of the ACT's total outlay
- Administration of all ACT taxation laws
- Development and preparation of taxation legislation
- Provision of policy advice to Government on gaming, financial and taxation matters
- Provision of taxation services to taxpayers
- Legal recovery of debts for all ACT taxes

- Regulation of machine gaming, lotteries, racing and sport betting
- Representation of the Department at ACT Legislative Assembly Committee hearings, high level inter-governmental meetings, public and media forum.

#### **1994 EXECUTIVE DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (EDS)**

**25 October 1994 to 25 February 1995**

**Joint Standing Committee on Migration, Department of the House of Representatives**

##### Primary Responsibilities

- Participation in the conduct of the inquiry into the Immigration Review Tribunal Appointment Process
- Provision of general research support to the Joint Standing Committee on Migration.
- Preparation of briefings to Committee members for public hearings
- Preparation of reports on the inquiries

**July 1994 to October 1994**

**Executive Officer, Centre for Continuing Education (CCE), Australian National University**

##### Primary responsibilities

- Advice on all facets of financial reporting, costing and pricing, financial system design, planning and implementation
- Preparation of Business Plan
- Development of Marketing Strategies

**February 1994 to June 1994**

**Senior Consultant, Management Consulting Services, Ernst & Young**

##### Primary responsibilities

- Research, investigation and evaluation of performance of various Government programs
- Preparation and presentation of tenders and consulting assignments

#### **ACT TREASURY**

**December 1991 to February 1994**

**Director, Economic Policy, Economics Branch**

##### Primary responsibilities

- Managerial and supervising responsibilities
- Provision of policy advice on economic and budgetary matters

- Review and assessment of government revenue policies
- Assessment of major investment proposals
- ACT Treasury representative on inter-departmental and inter-governmental committees.

## **COMMONWEALTH GRANTS COMMISSION**

**July 1989 to 1990**

### **Senior Policy Officer**

- Analysis of State and Territory submissions on delivery of services
- Preparation of research and discussion papers

## **QUEENSLAND DEPARTMENT OF MINES**

**October 1982 to May 1987**

### **Senior Mineral Economist and Manager, Economic and Commercial Advice Program**

#### Primary responsibilities

- Managerial and supervising responsibilities
  - Provision of policy advice on matters affecting the development of the Queensland mining industry
  - Analysis of Commonwealth/State government policies, including taxation, investment and trade policies
  - Preparation of reports to various inquiries, including the Industry Commission inquiries, Gold Tax Inquiry and National Wage Cases
  - Commodity market analysis
  - Economic and financial evaluation of mineral projects
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