

APPENDIX A

Submissions and comments

We have consulted with the DET and we considered its views when reaching our audit conclusions. As required by the *Audit Act 1994*, we gave a draft copy of this report, or relevant extracts, to DET and asked for its submissions and comments.

Responsibility for the accuracy, fairness and balance of those comments rests solely with the agency head.

Responses were received as follows:

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Dear Auditor-General

Thank you for your letter of 10 June 2021 inviting the Department of Education and Training (the Department) to provide submissions or comments on the proposed audit report *Results of 2020 Audits: Technical & Further Education Institutes* (the Report).

The Department welcomes the Report, which recognises the significant investment in the sector by the Victorian Government. I note your conclusion that the financial and performance reports of the TAFE sector are reliable, and that Parliament and the community can use them with confidence. I accept the Report's recommendation. The Department will support TAFEs to implement appropriate actions.

If your team would like to discuss this matter further, please contact Ms Susan Thomas, A/Executive Director, TAFE and Tertiary Institutions, Department of Education and Training, on (03) 7022 0304 or by email: Susan.Thomas@education.vic.gov.au.

Your sincerely



Jenny Atta
Secretary
16 / 06 / 2021

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18 June 2021

Ms Charlotte Jeffries
Sector Director, Education
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Dear Charlotte,

Results of 2020 Audits: Technical & Further Education Institutes

I refer to your email dated 10 June 2021 in relation to the proposed report on the Results of 2020 Audits: Technical & Further Education Institutes and the opportunity for SWTAFE to provide a response where relevant.

SWTAFE wish to provide a response in relation to section 2.4 *Internal controls over financial reporting*, specifically the noted unresolved high-risk issues from the prior year in *figure 2D* for SWTAFE.

2019 Unresolved high-risk issues from prior years

SWTAFE have continued to work towards addressing the outstanding IT general controls findings and have recently invested in and undertaken a Core & Edge Networking Upgrade across the organisation to address these key findings. This was a significant piece of work for the organisation and required substantial investment of \$839,973.59 resulting in several key IT related risks being mitigated.

SWTAFE continues to identify continual improvement opportunities with its IT general controls to ensure we are providing a secure environment for our information.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me on 5564 8903.



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CEO

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