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Mr John Doyle  
Auditor-General  
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Dear Mr Doyle,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 13 October 2014.

The Victorian Labor Party supports the following reforms to strengthen the independence of the Auditor General's Office. Labor will:

- Introduce effective follow-the-dollar powers, unfettered by Executive Government or the Parliament.
- Simplify the requirements for consultation with the Parliament and Executive Government prior to the commencement of an Audit, to bring Victoria in line with other Australian jurisdictions.
- Reform the integrity system in Victoria to ensure that the Office of the Auditor General is both effective and independent.
- Provide the Auditor General with the power to undertake collaborative audits with other Auditors-General and to conduct collaborative investigations with other integrity bodies.
- Give greater discretion to the Auditor General, as to what is included in reports to the Parliament.

These reforms would be implemented through a rewrite of the audit legislation, in consultation with your office. This process would commence in the first half of 2015.

Labor will make public these commitments to strengthen the Auditor-General's Office before the upcoming election.

Yours sincerely,



**Robin Scott**  
Shadow Minister for Finance



**Tim Pallas**  
Shadow Treasurer



**Martin Pakula**  
Shadow Attorney-General

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