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Our ref: Public Finance Bill Project Team
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Department of Treasury and Finance Legal Office Received 18 / 11 / 08 : am/pm To:
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Dear Sir

Review of Financial Management Act

I have reviewed the discussion paper on the practices and legislation of public finance in Victoria and offer the following comments.

The Victorian Electoral Commission conducts electoral activities under the Electoral Act 2002, and all electoral activities are reviewed by the Electoral Matters Committee, a joint house investigatory committee which is responsible for scrutinising electoral activities in Victoria.

Also the VEC is an entity under the Electoral Act 2002, and whilst it is placed under the Department of Justice for government departmental reporting, it reports direct to parliament on its activities.

The VEC complies with the reporting requirements of the Financial Management Act, but areas in the discussion paper such as clearly setting, defining or legislating outcomes, and authorising specific dollar amounts against each desired outcome, would need to be discussed with the VEC and the Electoral Matters Committee.

You may also recall that there are two reports of parliamentary committees indicating that the VEC's budget should be directed through parliament, and that the VEC's annual report should not be forwarded through the Auditor General.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully



Steve Tully
 Electoral Commissioner