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Dear Mr Cameron ^{Alan}

I am writing to congratulate auDA on its successful completion of reforms arising from the *Review of the .au Domain Administration* (the Review). When the Review was released by my predecessor, Senator the Hon Mitch Fifield, in April 2018, auDA committed itself to implementing all of its recommendations within two years. My Department informs me that, as of the final quarterly review of auDA's progress which occurred on 1 May 2020, all of the actions arising from the Review have been finalised. A scorecard summarising auDA's achievement is enclosed.

I would like to express the Government's appreciation for auDA's efforts in so substantially overhauling its governance within the time allotted, which I know posed many challenges for the company. I look forward to auDA continuing to provide a stable and secure .au domain space, which in light of current events is more important to Australia's prosperity than ever.

The Review and resulting reform process is now complete, although I note that auDA will be continuing to report regularly on its key performance indicators and my Department will maintain its oversight of auDA's activities. I also note that the follow-up review of auDA's Terms of Endorsement planned for after the implementation of the reforms will commence later in 2020, to accommodate the newly established Board and CEO, and in recognition of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In keeping with principles of openness and transparency, I recommend that the Department and auDA jointly publish this letter on their respective websites.

Yours sincerely

Paul Fletcher

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Attachment

.au Review recommendation scorecard

The Department has been monitoring auDA's progress towards compliance with the 29 recommendations of the 2018 Review (including sub-recommendations, there were a total of 43 action items, of which 38 were auDA's responsibility).

Based on information presented at the 24-month review meeting between auDA and the Department held on 1 May 2020, in the three months since the last meeting, auDA completed its remaining four outstanding actions (Recommendations 10, 11, 16 (a) and 24), bringing the total completed to 38. Several of the completed actions (11) have an ongoing reporting requirement.

The final status of the recommendations is as follows:

	auDA's implementation of recommendations	#
	Overdue	-
	Not yet started (not overdue)	-
	Started / Behind schedule / at risk	-
	On track / satisfactory progress	-
	Completed	27
	Completed with ongoing reporting requirements	11
	Total:	38

The Government is responsible for the remaining five actions (Recommendations 15, 16, 16 (b), 17 and 28), all of which concern ongoing oversight of auDA:

	Government's implementation of recommendations	#
	Overdue	-
	Not yet started (not overdue)	-
	Started / Behind schedule / at risk	-
	On track / satisfactory progress	-
	Completed	-
	Completed with ongoing oversight requirements	5
	Total:	5