

AUDITOR GENERAL'S REPORT — ADVERSE OPINION

**3. Hon COLIN de GRUSSA to the minister representing the Treasurer:**

I refer to the *Financial audit results—state government 2022–23* which, for the first time, contained an adverse controls opinion for a government entity, as well a statement by the Auditor General that “we continue to see a lack of preparedness for audit and poor quality financial statements presented for audit in too many entities”.

- (1) Given the seriousness and ongoing nature of the findings, has the Treasurer or her office met with the Auditor General to discuss the 2022–23 financial audit results?
- (2) What actions are being taken by the Treasurer to address the repeated concerns expressed by the Auditor General over multiple financial years across numerous government entities?

**Hon STEPHEN DAWSON replied:**

I thank the honourable member for some notice of the question. The following answer is provided on behalf of the Treasurer.

- (1)–(2) The Treasurer has endorsed an action plan jointly developed by the Department of Treasury and the Public Sector Commission aimed at lifting financial management capability in the public sector and addressing the Auditor General's findings. In the 2023–24 state budget, additional funding was allocated to Treasury to facilitate the implementation of these reforms. Treasury has also established a chief finance officer reference group, comprising CFOs from 20 agencies, to help drive the reform agenda, and has also commenced the process of procuring a finance-related training program.