June 2, 1999

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

The Office of the Attorney General (Attorney General) is complying with the General Appropriations Act (75th Legislature) debt collection rider.

The Attorney General is required to do the following:

- Collect debts older than one year that are owed to agencies and institutions of higher education.
- Keep a portion of the collections for administrative and legal operations.
- Set aside excess funds, which cannot exceed $18 million, to pay workers’ compensation claims.
- Ensure that collections do not include child support monies or debts collected by other state agencies.

We determined that the Attorney General retained $16.6 million from debt collections during the 1998-1999 biennium. The excess, which did not exceed $18 million, was deposited into the Workers’ Compensation Fund. The debts collected did not include child support collections or debts collected by other state agencies.

We appreciate the courtesy and cooperation of management and staff of the Attorney General during this review.

If you have questions, please contact Mary Goehring, CPA, CFE, Audit Manager, at 479-4700.

Sincerely,

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State Auditor

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