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Mr Grant Hehir
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Dear Mr Hehir

I write to request an audit of Centrelink's automated debt recovery programs.

I understand that you have raised the possibility of an audit of these programs being included in your 2017-18 Audit Work Program. I strongly encourage you to do so as these programs continue to issue incorrect debt notices despite the recommendations of the Commonwealth Ombudsman and evidence presented at the Senate Inquiry.

My office continues to receive complaints about the programs and I, as well as many of my constituents, remain unconvinced by the Government's assertion of over \$300 million in savings. I would be particularly interested to see this claim reconciled with the cost of administering the debts. In addition, as many debt notices have been challenged and successfully appealed, whether the claimed savings include amounts since conceded as being incorrect.

Yours sincerely

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