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The Honorable Robert Blendu, Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

The Honorable John Huppenthal, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Dear Senator Blendu and Representative Huppenthal:

Our Office has recently completed an 18-month followup of the Department of Corrections—Private Prisons regarding the implementation status of the 1 audit recommendation presented in the performance audit report released in July 2001 (Auditor General Report No. 01-13). As the attached grid indicates:

■ The audit recommendation was implemented at 18 months.

Since the audit recommendation has been implemented, and unless otherwise directed by the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, this report concludes our follow-up work on the Department of Corrections—Private Prisions.

Sincerely,

Debbie Davenport
Auditor General

Attachment

cc: Mr. Charles L. Ryan, Acting Director
        Arizona Department of Corrections

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
Private Prisons
12-Month Follow-Up Report to
Auditor General Report No. 01-13

FINDING I: The Department Exercises Strong Oversight of Prison Contractors

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
There are no recommendations for this finding.		

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FINDING II: The Department Should Begin Gathering Information To Make Future Privatization Decisions

Recommendation	Status of Implementing Recommendation	Explanation for Recommendations That Have Not Been Implemented
1. The Department should begin planning ahead for possible future privatization by separately identifying costs associated with incarcerating women, geriatric inmates, mentally ill inmates, and sex offenders, groups who could feasibly be housed in private prisons.	**Implemented at 18 months**	