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**The putative widespread and systemic corruption reported is well within AGO's legal mandate and in accordance with the law, as shown by:**

1. Several entities putatively guilty of financial misconduct fall within **Public Sector (Governance) Act 2018 (No. 5 of 2018)**, and First and Second Schedule of the same.
2. AGO should "...Audit such accounts of public authorities and bodies administering public funds as prescribed by law...". **The putative corruption reported involves the disappearance of at least S\$19.4 million of public funds.**
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4. **Precedent**, shown by the fact that Nanyang Technological University is a 'public sector entity funded by MOE' and within AGO legal mandate, for example as in the *Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015/6* (pages 7, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20 and 20).
5. AGO auditing scholarship funds, for example as in *Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2015/6* (page 42) and *Report of the Auditor-General for the Financial Year 2017/8* (page 34).
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  - o **Large lapses in controls to prevent misallocation of grants** and which were not used for the intended purpose or apparently any recognizable academic or research purpose.
  - o **Significant laxity in compliance** and remarkably weak management of public funds.
7. Nanyang Technological University compliance with **National Research Foundation Grant Conditions of 10 October 2013.**

As auditor-general offices in nations other than Singapore are in the process of reviewing related matters, I find it hard to believe it is not in Singapore's AGO power to investigate, and believe this may jeopardize a Singapore AGO priority, namely to prevent the erosion of trust and confidence in Singapore institutions, and harm to their reputation.

Ms. Foo: keeping in mind your previous inattention to detail I am still astounded that you write of 'my concerns'. The report concerns Singaporeans, and the research, academic and medical community at large. In any case, thank you for your offer to forward the report on someone's behalf, do not trouble yourself.

Ms. Foo: perhaps your casual dismissal of the report is yet another error? Please let me know if your reply represents Singapore AGO.

You are hereby notified that this email thread will be included in a report to the President's Office.

I reserve the right to comment to others and in public information that Singapore AGO dismissed the report.

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