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Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community Completes Review of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s Fiscal Year 2018 Compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010

(May 2019) The Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community recently completed its review of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence’s (ODNI’s) Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 compliance with the Improper Payments Elimination and Recovery Act of 2010 (IPERA) (AUD-2019-006).

IPERA directs agencies to perform risk assessments of programs and activities to identify those that may be susceptible to significant improper payments. An improper payment is any payment that should not have been made; was a duplicate payment; did not include a credit for applicable discounts; or was in the incorrect amount, to an ineligible recipient, for an ineligible service, or for services not received. When an agency identifies a program or activity that is susceptible to significant improper payments, the agency must estimate the amount of improper payments, and report the estimates, actions taken to reduce improper payments, and improper payment rates of each program or activity. IPERA also directs agencies to conduct recovery audits—also known as payment recapture audits—for each program and activity that expends \$1 million or more annually, if conducting such audits would be cost effective.

The ICIG’s review determined that ODNI complied with IPERA In FY 2018. ODNI tested payment controls and determined that none of its programs and activities were susceptible to significant improper payments as defined by the Office of Management and Budget. Based on this determination, ODNI was not required to prepare or report improper payment estimates, corrective action plans, reduction targets, or improper payment rates for its programs and activities. As required by IPERA, ODNI supported its determination that conducting payment recapture audits would not be cost effective.

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