

Introduction

The Committee's inquiry

- 1.1 On 26 March 2015, the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) resolved to inquire into and report on the development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework (the Framework).
- 1.2 The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry were, in summary, to ensure an effective, integrated performance management system, with particular reference to enhancing the effectiveness of key performance information. The full Terms of Reference are included at the beginning of this report.
- 1.3 On 18 December 2015, the Committee tabled its first report as part of this ongoing inquiry.¹ The Committee's first report focused on performance information within Portfolio Budget Statements, the requirements relating to Corporate Plans, and other governance issues relating to the Framework.
- 1.4 During 2016, the Committee held a public hearing in Canberra with the Department of Finance and the Australian National Audit Office. The Committee also received two submissions which are listed in Appendix A.
- 1.5 This second report focuses on 2016 hearing, which focused on approval of the 2014-15 Annual Report Rules. The report also provides a brief summary of other Framework issues.

1 Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, *Report 453: Inquiry into the Commonwealth Performance Framework*
http://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Public_Accounts_and_Audit/Performance_Framework/Report_453.

