



Government Response to the Report of the
Senate Finance and Public Administration
Legislation Committee:

Annual Reports (No. 1 of 2005)

**RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SENATE FINANCE AND PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION LEGISLATION COMMITTEE REPORT,
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Recommendation 1: Implementation of a mandatory requirement for listing, separately, both the number of consultancy contracts let and active during a reporting period.

Recommendation 2: That the requirements of Attachment C(2) of the guidelines be amended to make the disclosure of information mandatory in either the agency's annual report or on the agency's internet page.

Recommendation 3: That a proforma for presenting the information in annual reports be introduced so that the presentation of this information is consistent across all agencies.

Response: Agreed. The *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies* (the Requirements) were recently amended to address the Committee's recommendations. In accordance with section 63 of the *Public Service Act 1999*, the Requirements were approved on behalf of the Parliament by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA).

The concerns of the Committee were specifically drawn to the JCPAA's attention.