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Foreword

I am pleased to present the 2013-14 Annual Report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA), pursuant to section 8B of the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*. It is important to note that, as this report covers the 2013-14 financial year, this period covers part of the 43rd Parliament.

The House of Representatives was dissolved on 5 August 2013; the 44th Parliament commenced on 12 November 2013 and the JCPAA held its first meeting of the 44th Parliament on 9 December 2013.

The Committee's activities in 2013-14 were guided by the Committee's broad set of duties. As such, the Committee:

- reviewed reports of the Auditor-General on behalf of the Parliament;
- reviewed the Defence Materiel Organisation (DMO) Major Projects Report (MPR);
- considered the operation and resources of the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) and the Parliamentary Budget Office (PBO);
- approved the nomination for appointment of the Independent Auditor of the ANAO; and
- continued to encourage parliamentary and public awareness of the financial and related operations of government, both nationally and internationally.

In addition to this, the Committee has been engaged in the oversight of the Public Management Reform Agenda (PMRA). In June 2014, the Committee published a report into the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) rules development, making ten recommendations in response to specific issues raised by stakeholders. The Committee is committed to its continued oversight of the PMRA, with a second inquiry into the PMRA regarding the new performance measurement and reporting framework expected to commence in late 2014.

I would like to thank the members of the 43rd Parliament's JCPAA (chaired by Robert Oakeshott and deputy chaired by Yvette D'Ath and Gai Brodtmann MP) for their excellent work, and, on behalf of the new Committee, affirm our commitment to continue the JCPAA's proud tradition of proper scrutiny of the use of public resources by the Executive and its agencies.

Dr Andrew Southcott MP
Chair



Membership of the Committee

Chair Dr Andrew Southcott MP

Deputy Chair Mr Pat Conroy MP

Members

Ms Gai Brodtmann MP	Senator Cori Bernardi (from 13/11/14)
Mr Andrew Giles MP (from 18/3/14)	Senator Chris Ketter (from 1/7/14)
Dr Peter Hendy MP (from 18/3/14)	Senator the Hon Kate Lundy
Mr Craig Laundry MP	Senator Bridget McKenzie (from 1/7/14)
Mrs Jane Prentice MP (from 25/2/14)	Senator Dean Smith
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Mr Angus Taylor MP	Senator Anne Ruston (until 6/6/14)
Mr Tim Watts MP	
Ms Lisa Chesters MP (until 18/3/14)	
The Hon Tony Smith MP (until 18/3/14))	
The Hon Dr Sharman Stone MP (until 25/2/14)	

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List of abbreviations

ACPAC	Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees
AG Act	<i>Auditor-General Act 1997</i>
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
APS	Australian Public Service
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
DMO	Defence Materiel Organisation
JCPAA	Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
MPR	Major Projects Report
NCA	National Commission of Audit
PAAC Act	<i>Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951</i>
PBO	Parliamentary Budget Office
PGPA Act	<i>Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013</i>
PMRA	Public Management Reform Agenda
PS Act	<i>Public Service Act 1999</i>

