

Introduction

Background to the review

- 1.1 The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) has a statutory duty to examine all reports of the Auditor-General presented to the Australian Parliament and report the results of its deliberations to both Houses of Parliament. In selecting audit reports for review, the Committee considers:
 - the significance of the program or issues raised in audit reports
 - the significance of audit findings
 - the arguments advanced by the audited agencies
 - the public interest arising from the report
- 1.2 On 4 June 2015, the Committee selected the ANAO Audit Report No. 25 (2014-15) *Administration of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement* for further review and scrutiny at public hearings.
- 1.3 The Committee's review did not include a review of pharmacy location rules or pharmacy remuneration.
- 1.4 A roundtable public hearing for the report was held on 13 August 2015.

The Committee's report

- 1.5 This report of the Committee's review of Audit Report No. 25 (2014-15) draws attention to key issues raised in the original report, as well as at public hearings and in agency submissions. Where appropriate, the

Committee has commented on unresolved or contentious issues, and made recommendations.¹

- 1.6 The following appendices provide further information:
- Appendix A – List of submissions and exhibits
 - Appendix B – List of public hearings and witnesses
- 1.7 This report can usefully be read in conjunction with the ANAO Audit Report No. 25 (2014-15) *Administration of the Fifth Community Pharmacy Agreement*.

1 Note on references: references to the Committee *Hansard* for Audit Report No 25 are to the proof *Hansard*. Page numbers may vary between the proof and official *Hansard* transcript.