



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Senate Environment and Communications Legislation  
Committee report:

Annual Reports (No.1 of 2016)

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## **Outstanding Government response – Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee – Annual Reports (No.1 of 2016)**

The Australian Government's response to recommendations made in the Senate Environment and Communications Legislation Committee – Annual Reports (No.1 of 2016).

The Committee Report made recommendations in relation to the National Portrait Gallery of Australia's 2014-15 annual report that:

“2.28 The committee expresses its concern that without an explanation or notes to the key performance indicators table it is unable to accurately review the NPGA's performance or make comparisons with previous years. The committee recommends that the NPGA, for its future annual reports, present its performance information with supporting notes or discussion, particularly where information reported in one year has changed in the next.”

The introduction of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) has provided very clear guidance and has streamlined the requirements for annual reports. In particular, the introduction of annual performance statements requires both performance results and analysis, and the PGPA Rules (16F and 17 BE(u)) provide specific guidance on matters to be addressed in the analysis of performance and the inclusion of a compliance index. These requirements appear to address the matters raised by the Committee.

The Committee's findings have been brought to the attention of the National Portrait Gallery of Australia.