

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Inquiry into the Issuing of a Certificate under section 37 of the Auditor-General Act 1997 - Inquiry based on Auditor-General Report No.6 (2018-19)

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JCPAA to investigate certificate issued by Attorney-General

The <u>Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit</u> is holding a second public hearing tomorrow for the Committee's inquiry into the publication of Auditor-General Report <u>No.6 (2018-19)</u>, *Army's Protected Mobility Vehicle - Light*.

During the course of the audit, the Attorney-General issued a certificate under section 37 of the Auditor-General Act 1997 (the Act) preventing the publication of certain material in the final audit report. The Committee will continue its consideration of matters relating to the issuing of the certificate and the publication of the report.

The Committee will hear from the Attorney-General's Department, the Department of Defence, and the Australian National Audit Office.

The JCPAA is Parliament's joint public administration committee. It scrutinises the governance, performance and accountability of Commonwealth agencies, and has the power to inquire into all expenditure of Commonwealth money.

The Committee examines all reports of the Auditor-General tabled in the Parliament and can inquire into any items, matters or circumstances connected with these reports.

Further information about these inquiries can be accessed via the Committee's website.

Public hearing: Wednesday, 21 November 2018, Committee Room 1R1, Parliament House, Canberra

12.30pm to 2.00pm: Audit Report No.6 (2018-19), *Army's Protected Mobility Vehicle - Light* Witnesses: Attorney-General's Department, Department of Defence, and the Australian National Audit Office

The public hearings will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live. The hearing programs are available from the Committee website.

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