



Annual Reporting Requirements in the Spotlight

Parliament's Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit will continue its Inquiry into the Commonwealth Performance Framework in a Public Hearing on Thursday the 25th of February 2016.

The Committee will follow up the findings of *Report 453: Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework* to discuss the actions the Department of Finance is taking to develop a monitoring reporting and evaluation framework to improve the quality of performance reporting. It will also examine progress on the broader Public Management Reform Agenda including better delivery of joined-up government, improved risk management practices and improving entity partnerships with external parties, amongst other issues.

The Committee will also commence its annual review of Commonwealth Entity Annual Reporting Requirements with a view to developing a comprehensive set of rules for Non-Corporate, Corporate and Government Business Entities.

Committee Chair, Hon. Ian Macfarlane MP, identified the need to move to a set of requirements that align with the Commonwealth Performance Framework while preserving entity accountability to the Parliament.

"The Committee reviews Annual Reporting Requirements every year to ensure they meet the needs of the Parliament, and this review will continue that work as well as seek to develop a single set of rules that will serve Commonwealth Entities in all forms."

"Last year there were three sets of Annual Reporting Requirements in effect and development of a single set of rules will complement the PGPA Act." Mr Macfarlane concluded.

The Committee will also follow up on other critical issues identified in its report tabled in December 2015.

Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa.

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Public Hearing
Inquiry into the Commonwealth Performance Framework
25 February 2016, 10:45am
Committee Room 2R1
Audito broadcast on www.aph.gov.au/live

For media comment: please contact Committee Chair's office on (07) 4632 4144 (Will Rollo).

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