



Auditor-General for Australia



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Mr Julian Hill MP
Chair
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Dear Mr Hill

Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit Report 498: *Inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement*

I am writing in relation to the three recommendations directed to the Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) contained in the JCPAA Report 498: *Inquiry into Commonwealth Procurement*.

Recommendation 12

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit Office consider conducting a follow up audit within three years of the tabling of this report to determine the success or otherwise of the Digital Technology Agency's procurement reforms.

ANAO Response:

Agreed. The ANAO will include a follow-up audit on the Digital Transformation Agency's procurement processes in the ANAO's 2024–25 Annual Audit Work Program.

Recommendation 16

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit undertake a performance audit of the Department of Home Affairs' transition to the new surveillance services contract when the current contract expires.

ANAO Response:

Agreed. The current contract is due to expire in December 2027. The ANAO will look to include an audit of the Department of Home Affairs' transition to the new surveillance services contract in the 2027–28 Annual Audit Work Program.

Recommendation 19

The Committee recommends that the Australian National Audit conduct a follow-up performance audit of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to assess the effectiveness of its recent procurement reforms.

ANAO Response:

Agreed. The ANAO will include a follow-up audit of the Department of Industry, Science and Resources to assess the effectiveness of its recent procurement reforms in its 2024–25 Annual Audit Work Program.

Yours sincerely

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