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### Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Commonwealth Performance Framework

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## Improving Commonwealth performance reporting

Parliament's [Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit](#) will discuss implementation of the Annual Performance Statements requirements with Commonwealth agencies at a public hearing this Wednesday.

The hearing forms part of the Committee's inquiry into the Commonwealth performance framework, based on Auditor-General's report [No. 58 \(2016-17\)](#), *Implementation of the Annual Performance Statements Requirements 2015-16*.

The Commonwealth performance framework, established under the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013 (PGPA Act)*, requires Commonwealth agencies to produce Corporate Plans, Portfolio Budget Statements and Annual Reports, including Annual Performance Statements.

The Annual Performance Statements provide information on an agency's performance results against the performance targets established in their Corporate Plan and Portfolio Budget Statements.

Committee Chair [Senator Dean Smith](#) said "improving the Commonwealth performance framework, to improve the line of sight between the use of public resources and the results achieved by Commonwealth agencies, has been a long-term focus of the Committee".

"The new framework requires agencies to implement more meaningful performance information and report more consistently throughout the performance cycle, to improve transparency and strengthen accountability to the Parliament and the public."

"The Committee will hear from the Australian Federal Police and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources on how they have implemented the Annual Performance Statement requirements, and from the Department of Finance on the guidance it provides in this area," Senator Smith said.

Audit Report No. 58 concluded that the Australian Federal Police and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources had met the requirements for the publication of the first Annual Performance Statements under the *PGPA Act*. However, the ANAO identified a range of key learnings for all Commonwealth agencies in the preparation of their Annual Performance Statements.

**Public hearing: Wednesday 6 September 2017, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra**

**8.45am to 10.00am** Department of Agriculture and Water Resources; Australian Federal Police; Department of Finance; and Australian National Audit Office



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The hearing will be broadcast live at [aph.gov.au/live](http://aph.gov.au/live). The hearing program is available from the Committee [website](#).

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