



## **Australian Government**

Australian Government response to the  
Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial  
Services Report:

*Report on the 2012-13 annual reports of bodies established  
under the ASIC Act*

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Government Response

**Recommendation 1**

The committee recommends CALDB distinguish in subsequent annual reports whether matters were referred by ASIC or APRA.

- The Government has been advised that CALDB has indicated in each annual report subsequent to 2013 that all applications received were referred by ASIC.

**Recommendation 2**

The committee recommends CALDB explicitly indicate in subsequent annual reports whether any decisions were the subject of either judicial or AAT review during the year.

- The Government has been advised that the CALDB has indicated in each annual report subsequent to 2013 when any decisions were the subject of either judicial or AAT review during the year.

**Recommendation 3**

The committee recommends that CALDB examine Parliamentary committee reports and include appropriate discussion in the section on external scrutiny of the CALDB annual reports.

- The Government has been advised that since 2014, the CALDB has, before the preparation of its annual report, examined the relevant Parliamentary committee reports and, in each of the CALDB's annual reports since 2014, it has responded as relevant to any action points or comments arising from those committee reports.

**Recommendation 4**

The committee recommends that the Takeovers Panel examine relevant Parliamentary committee reports and include appropriate discussion about the content of committee reports in the Panel's future annual reports.

- The Government has been advised that since March 2014 the Takeovers Panel examines, as a part of its process for preparing its Annual Report, relevant Parliamentary committee reports and includes any discussion in those reports about the Takeovers Panel in its Annual Report.

**Recommendation 5**

The committee recommends that the Financial Reporting Council implement regular surveys of the financial literacy of directors and publish the results.

- The Government notes this recommendation.
- This recommendation is a matter for the Financial Reporting Council.
- The Financial Reporting Council is an independent statutory body established under the *Australian Securities and Investments Commission Act 2001*.

**Recommendation 6**

The committee recommends that the AUASB examine relevant Parliamentary committee reports and include appropriate discussion in the section on external scrutiny of the AUASB annual reports.

- The Government have been advised by the AUASB that it has now implemented an annual process to review the recommendations of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee Annual Reports and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services in relation to the AUASB's annual financial reports. The AUASB considers it has appropriately addressed the recommendations still relevant in its 2015/16 report, and will continue to monitor these for 2016/17.

**Recommendation 7**

The committee recommends that the AASB examine Parliamentary committee reports and include appropriate discussion in the section on external scrutiny of the AASB annual reports.

- The Government have been advised by the AASB that they have now implemented an annual process to review the recommendations of the Senate Economics Legislation Committee Annual Reports and the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Corporations and Financial Services in relation to the AASB's annual financial reports. The AASB considers it has appropriately addressed the recommendations still relevant in its 2015/16 report, and will continue to monitor these for 2016/17.

