



Committee reviews cyber security, international mail screening and EPBC Act reports

Parliament's Joint Public Accounts Committee is conducting a new inquiry, as part of its role of examining Australian National Audit Office reports.

The Committee will examine cyber security, international mail screening, and management of compliance with *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* conditions of approval. It will also review administration of the Australian Business Register and the Multi-role Helicopter Program.

Committee Chair Dr Andrew Southcott MP said that the inquiry reflects the Committee's important role of holding Commonwealth agencies to account for the efficiency and effectiveness with which they use public monies.

"These are significant areas of public administration where the public and the Parliament want to see improved outcomes. They also involve important issues of public safety and security," Dr Southcott said.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to make submissions to the Committee's inquiry, addressing the terms of reference, by 14 October 2014. Further information about the Committee's inquiry, including details on how to lodge a submission, are available on the Committee's website at www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa.

Public hearings have been scheduled for 23 October 2014, 24 October 2014 and 30 October 2014.

The Committee has selected five ANAO reports for detailed inquiry:

- Audit Report No. 42 (2013-14) *Screening of International Mail*
- Audit Report No. 43 (2013-14) *Managing Compliance with Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 Conditions of Approval*
- Audit Report No. 48 (2013-14) *Administration of the Australian Business Register*
- Audit Report No. 50 (2013-14) *Cyber Attacks: Securing Agencies' ICT Systems*
- Audit Report No. 52 (2013-14) *Multi-Role Helicopter Program*

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For information about the inquiry and public hearing: please contact the Committee Secretariat on (02) 6277 4615, email jcpaa@aph.gov.au, or visit the Committee website <http://www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa>.