

Government Response: JCPAA Report 421

JCPAA Recommendation	Government Response
<p data-bbox="188 464 450 491">Recommendation 1</p> <p data-bbox="188 531 1088 676">The Committee recommends that any substantial proposed changes to the role of the Auditor-General, in accordance with his standing as an Independent Office of the Parliament, be first reviewed by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit.</p>	<p data-bbox="1126 531 2018 639">The Government would not object to the Auditor-General consulting the JCPAA on any significant changes to the role and functions of the Office.</p> <p data-bbox="1126 676 2033 938">The functions and powers of the Auditor-General are specified in the <i>Auditor-General Act 1997</i>. As with amendments to any Commonwealth Act, any changes to the Auditor-General's functions would be subject to the scrutiny of the Parliament as part of the process of enacting amendments. Either House of the Parliament can refer any proposed amendments to the JCPAA for consideration if it so wishes.</p> <p data-bbox="1126 975 2040 1161">The Government notes that if there is an administrative decision to change the functions of the Auditor-General the Auditor-General, as an independent officer of the Parliament, can decide whether to perform the function or to seek the JCPAA's views before making such a decision.</p>