

ACPAC 2007, Canberra

The 9th Biennial Conference of the
Australasian Council of Public Accounts
Committees



Challenges Facing Contemporary Public Accounts Committees

11–14 April 2007
Canberra, Australia

ACPAC 2007 Program

Wednesday, 11 April 2007

Pre-conference function

6.00pm – 7.30pm Welcome Reception and Registration,
Members' Hall, by leave of the Presiding Officers
Ground Floor, Parliament House
Enter Parliament House through Front Entrance

Thursday, 12 April 2007

8.30am onwards Enter Parliament House through the Front Entrance for access
to the Main Committee Room

9.30am – 9.45am *Welcome and opening remarks*
Hon David Hawker MP, Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Mr Phillip Barresi MP, Chair, Commonwealth Joint Committee
of Public Accounts and Audit

Session 1

9.45am – 10.15am *How PACs, together with central agencies and Auditors-
General, can encourage better practice in contract
management and risk management compliance with financial
frameworks as responsibility is devolved to individual agencies*
Presenter: Mr Phillip Barresi MP, Chair, Commonwealth
Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

10.15am – 10.45am *Morning tea – Mural Hall, 2nd Floor*

Session 2

10.45am – 11.15am *Different models for PACs in reviewing the work of auditors.
How best to "add value" to the work of auditors*
Presenter: Mr John Quigley MLA, Chair, Western Australian
Public Accounts and Expenditure Review Committee

11.15am – 11.45am *Different models for PACs in reviewing the work of auditors.
How best to "add value" to the work of auditors*
Presenter: South Australian Economic and Finance
Committee

Thursday, 12 April 2007 (continued)

11.45am – 12.15am

The role of PACs in safeguarding the independence of Auditors-General

Presenter: Queensland Public Accounts Committee

12.15pm – 12.30pm

Official photo – Government Lobby Courtyard

12.30pm – 2.00pm

Lunch – Mural Hall

Session 3

2.00pm – 2.30pm

The appropriate role of PACs in reviewing the work program of audit offices

Presenter: Mr Shane Jones MP, Chair, New Zealand Finance and Expenditure Committee

2.30pm – 3.00pm

Keynote Address – *Report on the Public Sector Governance and Accountability Research Centre (PSGARC)/KPMG Study of PACs in Australia and New Zealand*

Presenters: Prof. Kerry Jacobs, Professor of Accounting, School of Business and Economics, ANU (former Director and current Associate Member of PSGARC)

Mr Tom Moloney, Partner, Government KPMG Canberra
Under the auspices of the La Trobe University Public Sector Governance and Accountability Research Centre

3.00pm – 3.30pm

Afternoon tea – House of Representatives Courtyard 27K

Session 4

3.30pm – 4.00pm

Auditors-General Panel – *The role of Auditors-General in relation to outsourced government activities/functions*

Presenter: Mr Mike Blake, Auditor-General, Tasmania

4.00pm – 4.30pm

International jurisdiction discussion

Thursday, 12 April 2007 (continued) Official Dinner

- 6.30pm – 7.30pm Pre dinner drinks, ACT Legislative Assembly
- 7.45pm – 10.30pm Dinner, “The Peninsula Room”, National Museum of Australia,
Lake Burley Griffin
- Entertainment by the Canberra School of Music
- Guest Speaker: Dr Chris Caton, Chief Economist,
BT Funds Management (and formerly Executive Vice
President)
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Friday, 13 April 2007

- 8.00am onwards Enter Parliament House through the Front Entrance for access
to the Main Committee Room

Session 1

- 8.45am – 9.30am Keynote Address – *The Importance of a Conceptual
Framework for Public Sector Financial Reporting*
- Presenter: Mr David Pendleton, Chair, CPA Australia Public
Sector Centre of Excellence and Chief Operating Officer,
Australian Broadcasting Commission
- 9.30am – 10.00am *The role of PACs in enhancing public sector reporting
standards, including performance reporting in the public sector*
- Presenter: Mr James Burke MLA, Chair, Northern Territory
Public Accounts Committee
- 10.00am – 10.30am *International jurisdiction discussion*
- 10.30am – 11.00am Morning tea – House of Representatives Courtyard 27K

Session 2

- 11.00am – 11.30am *Powers of PACs to set their own work program and the
subsequent influence on their resources*
- Presenter: Mr Richard Mulcahy MLA, Chair, Australian
Capital Territory Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Friday, 13 April 2007 (continued)

11.30am – 12.00noon *How PACs deal with claims of public interest immunity by public sector agencies (Hypothetical)*

Presenter: Hon J S (Jim) Wilkinson MLC, Chairman,
Tasmanian Committee of Public Accounts

12.00noon – 12.30pm *The future direction of Public Sector Accounting Standards in Australia*

Presenter: Mr David Boymal, Chairman, Australian
Accounting Standards Board

12.30pm – 1.45pm *Lunch – Great Hall*

Session 3

1.45pm – 3.45pm Committee activity reports (5 minutes to talk to reports):

1. SA 2. WA 3. NZ
4. TAS 5. ACT

Questions (15 minutes)

6. NSW 7. PNG 8. QLD
9. NT 10. VIC 11. Commonwealth

Questions (15 minutes)

12. Solomon Islands 13. WA SCEFO

Questions (10 minutes)

3.45pm *Conference close*

Chair, Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

3.45pm – 4 00pm *Afternoon tea – Committee Room 2S3*

Session 4

4.00pm – 5.00pm ACPAC general business (ACPAC members only)

Friday, 13 April 2007 (continued) Post-conference function

7.00pm – 10.00pm Dinner, "Bookplate", National Library of Australia, Parkes Place

Saturday, 14 April 2007 Post conference function

National Capital tour comprising:

10.00-am – 10.15am	Collection from accommodation
10.30am – 11.30am	National Gallery of Australia
11.45am – 12.45pm	Australian War Memorial
1.00pm – 3.00pm	Lunch at Regatta Point with National Capital Exhibition tour
3.00pm – 3.45pm	Mt Ainslie Lookout
3.45pm – 4.00pm	Return to accommodation