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## APPENDIX I - CONDUCT OF THE JCPAA'S REVIEW

### **Selecting audit reports for review**

In the 38<sup>th</sup> Parliament the former JCPAA examined *Audit Report No. 34, 1997-98, New Submarine Project*, and considered whether the issues and findings in the report warranted further examination at a public hearing.

In making this assessment the JCPAA considered, in relation to the audit report:

- the significance of the program or issues canvassed;
- the significance of the audit findings;
- the response of the audited agency (the Defence Organisation), as detailed in the audit report; and
- the extent of any public interest.

The result of this consideration was that the JCPAA decided to examine *Audit Report No. 34, 1997-98* as part of its review of second quarter 1997-98 Auditor-General's reports.

On 10 March 1999, the Committee decided withdraw its consideration of *Audit Report No. 34, 1997-98* from the review of second quarter 1997-98 Auditor-General's reports and deliver its findings on *Audit Report No. 34* to the Parliament in a separate report.

### **The evidence**

The JCPAA's public hearings were held in Canberra on 29 April 1998, 5 March 1999 and 22 March 1999. At the invitation of the Australian Submarine Corporation, on 16 April 1999, Committee members inspected the submarine

facility at Port Adelaide and the Collins submarine *Dechaineux*.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr Bob Charles, MP, accepted an invitation from ASC to go to sea on *Dechaineux*, and did so from 28 to 29 April 1999.

The transcripts of evidence taken at the hearings are reproduced at Appendix VI.

In addition to taking oral evidence at the hearings, the Committee received some documentary evidence. A list of the written submissions accepted as evidence is at Appendix IV and a list of exhibits is at Appendix V.