

List of recommendations

Recommendation 1

The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of the Treasury, should consult with their equivalent state agencies with a view to addressing possible inconsistencies regarding defamation and indemnity legislation identified in this inquiry.

Recommendation 2

The Department of Finance and Administration and the Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet should review the terminology of Commonwealth's financial management legislation and the public and parliamentary service legislation with a view to removing inconsistency and increasing consistency with the terminology used by the private sector.

Recommendation 3

The Department of Finance and Administration review the accrual budget format to ensure that the change to full accrual accounting does not diminish the ability of Parliament to scrutinise appropriations.

Recommendation 4

The Department of Finance and Administration should collect and table in Parliament on an annual basis a consolidated series of charts and tables comparing the performance of all Commonwealth agencies against a range of key performance ratios.