



Committee examines public finance bill

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit will inquire into and report on the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013 following a referral by the House of Representatives Selection Committee on 16 May 2013.

If passed, the Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Bill 2013 will create a single Act to replace the two existing Acts regulating financial management and accountability in government departments, statutory authorities and other public entities.

The Bill has arisen from the Department of Finance and Deregulation's Commonwealth Financial Accountability Review (CFAR). The Committee is reviewing consultations that have already taken place throughout the CFAR process.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to make submissions by Wednesday, 22 May 2013.

The Committee will hold a public hearing from 11.30am (AEST) on Friday, 24 May 2013 in Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra.

More information about the hearing and how to make a submission can be found on the committee's website www.aph.gov.au/jcpaa under 'Bill inquiries'.

The hearing will be broadcast live at: <http://www.aph.gov.au/live>

For media comment: please contact Committee Chair, Rob Oakeshott MP, on (02) 6584 2911.

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