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Foreword

I am pleased to present the 2009-10 annual report of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA), pursuant to section 8B of the *Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951*.

In general terms, the duties of the JCPAA are to:

- examine the financial affairs of authorities of the Commonwealth, and examine all reports of the Auditor-General that are tabled in each house of the Parliament;
- consider the operations and resources of the Audit Office;
- approve or reject the Prime Minister's recommendation for appointment of the Auditor-General and the Independent Auditor; and
- increase parliamentary and public awareness of the financial and related operations of government.

While this report is being released by the Committee in the 43rd Parliament, the activities recorded herein were undertaken by our predecessor Committee before the 2010 federal election. I thank the members of that Committee (chaired by Sharon Grierson MP, Deputy Chair Petro Georgiou MP) for their work, and on behalf of the new Committee flag our ongoing commitment to proper scrutiny of the use of public resources by the Executive and its agencies.

Robert Oakeshott MP
Chair



Membership of the Committee

43rd Parliament

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	Mr Jamie Briggs MP	Senator Mark Bishop	
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List of abbreviations

ACPAC	Australasian Council of Public Accounts Committees
ANAO	Australian National Audit Office
ANU	Australian National University
CDI	Centre for Democratic Institutions
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CPA	Commonwealth Parliamentary Association
DMO	Defence Materiel Organisation
DPM&C	Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet
FMA	Financial Management and Accountability (Act)
I(C)T	Information (and Communications) Technology
JCPAA	Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit
MPR	Major Projects Report
PAC	Public Accounts Committee

