



Appendix A—Conduct of the Committee’s review

Selection of audit reports

The Auditor-General presented twenty-two reports in the fourth quarter of 2000–2001. These were:

- No. 31 Performance Audit
Administration of Consular Services
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- No. 32 Performance Audit
Defence Cooperation Program
Department of Defence
- No. 33 Performance Audit
Australian Defence Force Reserves
Department of Defence
- No. 34 Performance Audit
Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension by Centrelink
Centrelink
- No. 35 Performance Audit
Family and Community Services’ Oversight of Centrelink’s Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension
Department of Family and Community Services
- No. 36 Performance Audit
Municipal Services for Indigenous Communities
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission

- No. 37 Performance Audit
The Use of Audit in Compliance Management of Individual Taxpayers
Australian Tax Office
- No. 38 Performance Audit
The Use of Confidentiality Provisions in Commonwealth Contracts
- No. 39 Performance Audit
Information and Technology in Centrelink
Centrelink
- No. 40 Performance Audit
Management of the Adult Migrant English Program Contracts
Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs
- No. 41 Performance Audit
Causes and Consequences of Personnel Postings in the Australian Defence Force
Department of Defence
- No. 42 Performance Audit
Bank Prudential Supervision
Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
- No. 43 Performance Audit
Performance Information for Commonwealth Financial Assistance under the Natural Heritage Trust
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Department of the Environment and Heritage
- No. 44 Performance Audit
Information Technology in the Department of Veterans' Affairs
Department of Veterans' Affairs
- No. 45 Performance Audit
Management of Fraud Control
Department of Family and Community Services
- No. 46 Performance Audit
ATO Performance Reporting under the Outcomes and Outputs Framework
Australian Taxation Office
- No. 47 Performance Audit
Managing for Quarantine Effectiveness
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry - Australia
- No. 48 Performance Audit
Air Traffic Data Collection
Airservices Australia

- No. 49 Performance Audit
Information Technology in the Health Insurance Commission
Health Insurance Commission
- No. 50 Performance Audit
Management of Fraud Control
Department of Family and Community Services
- No. 51 Performance Audit
Management of Fraud Control
Department of Family and Community Services
- No. 52 Assurance and Control Assessment Audit
Payment of Accounts
Various agencies
- No. 53 Performance Audit
Commonwealth Management of Leased Office Property

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit discussed the above audit reports and considered whether the issues and findings in the reports warranted further examination at a public hearing. In making this assessment the Committee considered, in relation to each audit report:

- the significance of the program or issues canvassed in the audit report;
- the significance of the audit findings;
- the response of the audited agencies, as detailed in each audit report, and
- the extent of any public interest in the audit report.

Following this consideration, the Committee decided to take evidence at public hearings on the following audit reports:

- No. 33 Performance Audit
Australian Defence Force Reserves
Department of Defence
- No. 34 Performance Audit
Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension by Centrelink
Centrelink
- No. 35 Performance Audit
Family and Community Services' Oversight of Centrelink's Assessment of New Claims for the Age Pension
Department of Family and Community Services

- No. 43 Performance Audit
*Performance Information for Commonwealth Financial Assistance under
the Natural Heritage Trust*
Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
Department of the Environment and Heritage

The evidence

The Committee held public hearings in Canberra on 30 April 2002. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix E.