



APPENDIX I – CONDUCT OF THE COMMITTEE REVIEW

Selection of audit reports

The Auditor-General presented nine audit reports in the third quarter of 1997-98. These were:

- *Audit Report No. 31, 1997-98, Aggregate Financial Statement prepared by the Minister for Finance and Administration;*
- *Audit Report No. 32, 1997-98, The Management of Boat People; Department of Immigration and Multicultural Affairs; Australian Protective Service; Australian Customs Service – Coastwatch;*
- *Audit Report No. 33, 1997-98, Commonwealth Management of the Great Barrier Reef, Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority;*
- *Audit Report No. 34, 1997-98, New Submarine Project, Department of Defence. (This Report was examined with the Second Quarter Reports);*
- *Audit Report No. 35, 1997-98, DEETYA International Services, Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs;*
- *Audit Report No. 36, 1997-98, Audit Activity Reports July to December 1997, Summary of Audit Outcomes;*
- *Audit Report No. 37, 1997-98, Protection of Confidential Client Data from Unauthorised Disclosure, Department of Social Security Centrelink;*
- *Audit Report No. 38, 1997-98, Sale of Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth Airports; and*

- *Audit Report No. 39, 1997-98, Selected Functions of the Child Support Agency.*

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) examined all of these audit reports and considered whether the issues and findings in the reports warranted further examination at a public hearing. In making this assessment the JCPAA 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.

The result of this consideration was that the JCPAA decided to take evidence at a public hearing on the following audit reports:

- *Audit Report No. 35, 1997-98, DEETYA International Services, Department of Employment, Education, Training and Youth Affairs;*
- *Audit Report No. 38, 1997-98, Sale of Brisbane, Melbourne and Perth Airports; and*
- *Audit Report No. 39, 1997-98, Selected Functions of the Child Support Agency.*

The evidence

The JCPAA's public hearing was held in Canberra on 16 June 1998. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearing is reproduced at Appendix IV.

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