

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee
ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES 2015-16

Finance Portfolio
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Topic: Inquiry into Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework

Senator: Wong

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Question:

In relation the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's Report 453 "Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework" :

1. Does the Department agree with all of the recommendations in the report?
2. If not, which recommendations does the Department agree with? Which recommendations does the Department disagree with? Why?
3. With the recommendations that the Department agrees with, what work is being done in the department to implement the recommendations?

Answer:

The recommendations are being considered and it is intended that the Government's response to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit's Report 453 "Development of the Commonwealth Performance Framework" will be finalised for May 2016.

In the interim the Department has worked with the Committee on recommendations related to the 2016-17 Portfolio Budget Statements (PBS). On 24 February 2016 the Finance Secretary issued a Direction under subsection 36(3) of the *Public Governance, Performance and Accountability Act 2013* (PGPA Act) which adopted the following recommendations:

Recommendation 1 – report links with the programs and outcomes of other entities (joined-up programs).

Recommendation 4 – include a specific statement that a performance criterion in a PBS state the target to be achieved and the expected dates of achievement.

Recommendation 5 – include a copy of the entity's most recent Annual Performance Statement in the PBS.