



## **Appendix A — Conduct of the Committee's review**

### **Selection of audit reports**

The Auditor-General presented eleven reports in the first quarter of 2000-2001. These were:

- Audit Report No. 1 Performance Audit  
*Commonwealth Assistance to the Agrifood Industry*
- Audit Report No. 2 Performance Audit  
*Drug Evaluation by the Therapeutic Goods Administration - Follow-up Audit*
- Audit Report No. 3 Performance Audit  
*Environmental Management of Commonwealth Land - Follow-up Audit*
- Audit Report No. 4 Audit Activity Report  
*Audit Activity Report: January to June 2000*  
*Summary of Outcomes*
- Audit Report No. 5 Performance Audit  
*Fraud Control Arrangements in the Department of Industry, Science and Resources*
- Audit Report No. 6 Performance Audit  
*Fraud Control Arrangements in the Department of Health and Aged Care*
- Audit Report No. 7 Performance Audit

*The Australian Taxation Office's Use of AUSTRAC Data*

- Audit Report No. 8 Performance Audit  
*Amphibious Transport Ship Project*
- Audit Report No. 9 Performance Audit  
*Implementation of Whole-of-Government Information Technology and Infrastructure Consolidation and Outsourcing Initiative*
- Audit Report No. 10 Performance Audit  
*AQIS Cost-Recovery Systems*
- Audit Report No. 11 Performance Audit  
*Knowledge System Equipment Acquisition Projects in Defence*

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:

- Audit Report No.8, *Amphibious Transport Ship Project*;
- Audit Report No.9, *Implementation of Whole-of-Government Technology and Infrastructure Consolidation and Outsourcing Initiative*;
- Audit Report No.10, *AQIS Cost-Recovery Systems*; and
- Audit Report No. 11, *Knowledge System Equipment Acquisition Projects in Defence*.

### **The evidence**

The Committee held public hearings in Canberra on 2 March 2001. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix C.