



## **Appendix A**

### **Conduct of the Committee's review**

#### **Selection of audit reports**

The Auditor-General presented 23 audit reports in the first half of 1998–99. These were:

- *Audit Report No. 1, 1998–99, Corporate Governance Framework;*
- *Audit Report No. 2, 1998–99, Commercial Support Program;*
- *Audit Report No. 3, 1998–99, Assessable Government Industry Assistance (Follow up Audit);*
- *Audit Report No. 4, 1998–99, Client Service Initiatives;*
- *Audit Report No. 5, 1998–99, Commonwealth Agencies' Security Preparations for the Sydney 2000 Olympic Games;*
- *Audit Report No. 6, 1998–99, Audit Activity Report Jan-Jun 1998;*
- *Audit Report No. 7, 1998–99, Management of the Implementation of the New Employment Services Market;*
- *Audit Report No. 8, 1998–99, Safeguarding Our National Collections;*
- *Audit Report No. 9, 1998–99, Accountability and Performance Information—Australian Sports Commission;*

- *Audit Report No. 10, 1998–99, Sale of One-third Telstra;*
- *Audit Report No. 11, 1998–99, OGIT and Fedlink Infrastructure;*
- *Audit Report No. 12, 1998–99, Taxation Reform—Community Education and Information Programme;*
- *Audit Report No. 13, 1998–99, The Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Program;*
- *Audit Report No. 14, 1998–99, Prescribed Payments System—Australian Taxation Office;*
- *Audit Report No. 15, 1998–99, Postal Operations—Australian Customs Service;*
- *Audit Report No. 16, 1998–99, Aviation Security in Australia;*
- *Audit Report No. 17, 1998–99, Acquisition of Aerospace Simulators;*
- *Audit Report No. 18, 1998–99, Accounting for Aid –The Management of Funding to Non-Government Organisations (Follow Up Audit);*
- *Audit Report No. 19, 1998–99, The Planning of Aged Care;*
- *Audit Report No. 20, 1998–99, Audits of the Financial Statements of Commonwealth Entities for the Period Ended 30 June 1998—Summary of Results and Financial Outcomes;*
- *Audit Report 21, 1998–99, Costing of Services;*
- *Audit Report No. 22, 1998–99, Getting Over the Line—Selected Commonwealth Bodies Management of the Year 2000 Problem; and*
- *Audit Report No. 23, 1998–99, Accountability and Oversight Arrangements for Statutory—Bodies in the Former Primary Industries and Energy Portfolio.*

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit 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 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.

The result of this consideration was that the Committee decided to take evidence at public hearings on the following audit reports:

- *Audit Report No. 16, 1998–99, Aviation Security in Australia*, (Department of Transport and Regional Services);
- *Audit Report No. 19, 1998–99, The Planning of Aged Care*, (Department of Health and Aged Care); and
- *Audit Report No. 21, 1998–99, Costing of Services*, (various agencies).

## **The evidence**

The Committee's hearings were held in Canberra on 28 May 1999. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix D.

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