

Introduction

- 1.1 One of the statutory duties of the Joint Committee on Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) is to examine all reports of the Auditor-General. In doing this, the JCPAA considers the significance of the program or issues raised in the audit reports; the significance of the findings; the arguments advanced by the audited agencies; and the public interest of the report. The Committee then reports the results of its deliberations to both Houses of Parliament.
- 1.2 Upon consideration of the twenty-nine audit reports presented to the Parliament by the Auditor-General during the fourth quarter of 2001–2002, the JCPAA selected four reports for further scrutiny at public hearings. The public hearings were conducted in Canberra on Friday, 23 August 2002 and 20 September 2002 in the case of Audit Report No. 63.
- 1.3 The reports selected were:
- Audit Report No. 40, *Corporate Governance in the Australian Broadcasting Corporation*, Australian Broadcasting Corporation; **(Chapter 2)**
 - Audit Report No. 51, *Research Project Management* CSIRO; **(Chapter 3)**
 - Audit Report No. 57, *Management Framework for Preventing Unlawful Entry into Australian Territory* Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs; **(Chapter 4)**
 - Audit Report No. 63, *Management of the DASFLEET Tied Contract* Department of Finance and Administration; **(Chapter 5)**

The Report

- 1.4 This report of the JCPAA's examination draws attention to the main issues raised at the public hearings. Where appropriate, the Committee has commented on unresolved or contentious issues and made recommendations.
- 1.5 A copy of this report is available on the JCPAA website at <http://www.aph.gov.au/house/committee/jpaa/reports.htm>