



Appendix A - Conduct of the Committee's review

Selection of audit reports

The Auditor-General presented 13 reports in the second quarter of 1999-2000. These were:

- *Audit Report No. 12, 1999-2000, Management of Contracted Business Support Processes;*
- *Audit Report No. 13, 1999-2000, Management of Major Equipment Acquisition Projects;*
- *Audit Report No. 14, 1999-2000, Commonwealth Debt Management;*
- *Audit Report No. 15, 1999-2000, Management of Australian Development Scholarships Scheme;*
- *Audit Report No. 16, 1999-2000, Superannuation Guarantee;*
- *Audit Report No. 17, 1999-2000, Commonwealth/State Housing Agreement;*
- *Audit Report No. 18, 1999-2000, Electronic Service Delivery, including Internet Use, by Commonwealth Agencies;*
- *Audit Report No. 19, 1999-2000, Aviation Safety Compliance;*
- *Audit Report No. 20, 1999-2000, Special Benefits;*
- *Audit Report No. 21, 1999-2000, Audits of the Financial Statements of Commonwealth Entities for the Period Ended 30 June 1999.*
- *Audit Report No. 22, 1999-2000, Weather Services in the Bureau of Meteorology;*
- *Audit Report No. 23, 1999-2000, The Management of Tax Debt Collection, and*

- *Audit Report No. 24, 1999-2000, Commonwealth Management and Regulation of Plasma Fractionation.*

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit examined 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.

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

- *Audit Report No. 13, 1999-2000, Management of Major Equipment Acquisition Projects;*
- *Audit Report No. 14, 1999-2000, Commonwealth Debt Management, and*
- *Audit Report No. 24, 1999-2000, Commonwealth Management and Regulation of Plasma Fractionation.*

The evidence

The Committee held public hearings in Canberra on 16 May 2000. The transcript of evidence taken at those hearings is reproduced at Appendix D.