



Australian Government
Department of Industry,
Science and Resources

EXECUTIVE MINUTE

on

JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND

AUDIT REPORT No. 512

Six-monthly report to the Inquiry into the Administration of Commonwealth Regulations

The Department of Industry, Science and Resources (the Department) acknowledges the findings of the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit in Report 512.

Information is provided for Recommendation no. 6. This responds to the ongoing request of 6-monthly reports and covers the period July 2025 to December 2025. It is the first such report following the Department's initial response dated 22 September 2025.

The Department continues to be committed to maintaining a robust and transparent regulatory framework under the *National Measurement Act 1960* (the Act) and in alignment with best-practice principles outlined in the Regulatory Performance Resource Management Guide 128 (RMG128).



Signed by Meghan Quinn PSM

Secretary

Department of Industry, Science and Resources

20 March 2026

Recommendation No: 6

The Committee recommends the Department of Industry, Science and Resources provides to the Committee, in deidentified format, a report detailing the regulatory action it has taken when an infringement notice has been issued but non-compliance is detected during a follow-up audit. This report is to be provided each six months, commencing from the 2022–23 year. This report is to be provided to the Committee to the conclusion of 2025–26.

Summary of response: Agreed**Supporting rationale:**

This data covers the period **July 2025 to December 2025**. It follows the initial data provided in our response dated 22 September 2025.

10 infringement notices were issued from July 2025 to December 2025.

As at 11 March 2026, the department:

- completed 5 follow-up audits with no non-compliances identified
- has scheduled 4 follow-up audits to be completed by the end of March 2026
- will undertake the remaining follow-up audit after the infringement notice has been paid in keeping with the Department's standard practice.

The department will report any identified non-compliance from the outstanding follow-up audits as part of the next six monthly report.