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Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Inquiry into Australian Government Funding – Schools and Indigenous Health

Issue date: 14 August 2018

Improving Accountability for Education and Health Funding

Parliament's [Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit](#) will hear from the Department of Education and Training, the Department of Health and the Australian National Audit Office, at a public hearing tomorrow for its inquiry into Australian Government funding.

The Committee's inquiry is based on the following Auditor-General reports:

- [No.18 \(2017–18\)](#) *Monitoring the Impact of Australian Government School Funding*
- [No. 50 \(2017-18\)](#) *Primary Healthcare Grants under the Indigenous Australians' Health Program*

Committee Chair [Senator Dean Smith](#) said the transparent and accountable administration of Australian Government funding has been a focus of the JCPAA over this Parliament.

"It is crucial that government funding is administered in a way that is transparent and accountable, particularly in the critical areas of education and health, so the Parliament and the Australian public can be assured of the effectiveness of government programs," Senator Smith said.

"The Committee will be interested in hearing how Education and Health are monitoring the impact of government funding and ensuring effective program delivery."

The first part of the public hearing will assess the arrangements established by the Department of Education and Training to monitor the impact of Australian Government school funding. The second part of the hearing will focus on the Department of Health's design, implementation and administration of primary healthcare grants under the Indigenous Australians' Health Program.

The JCPAA is Parliament's joint public administration committee. It scrutinises the governance, performance and accountability of Commonwealth agencies, and has the power to inquire into all expenditure of Commonwealth money.

Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the Committee's [website](#).

Public hearing: Wednesday 15 August 2018, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

8.45am to 9.30am *Audit Report No. 18 (2017-18) Monitoring the Impact of Australian Government School Funding*
Australian National Audit Office
Department of Education and Training



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9.30am to 10.15am Audit Report No. 50 (2017-18) *Primary Healthcare Grants under the Indigenous Australians' Health Program*
Australian National Audit Office
Department of Health

The hearing will be broadcast live at aph.gov.au/live. The hearing program is available from the Committee [website](#).

Media inquiries:

Chair, Senator Dean Smith, Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit, on (08) 9481 0349 (Electorate office) or (02) 6277 3707 (Parliament House)

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