



Australian Government

**Department of Climate Change, Energy,
the Environment and Water**

**Joint Committee of Public
Accounts and Audit (JCPAA)
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Financial Statements 2023-24
and 2024-25**

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Overview

Following the Committee's invitation, the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) make the following submission to the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) Inquiry into Commonwealth Financial Statements 2023-24 and 2024-25.

ANAO Moderate Audit Finding

The department received an unqualified audit opinion from the Auditor-General for its financial statements ending 30 June 2024 and 30 June 2025. The 2023-24 closing audit letter from the ANAO included one moderate audit finding that remained open in the 2024-25 closing audit letter as follows:

- **TechOne privileged users access monitoring (category B):** The audit finding relates to weaknesses in the design and operating effectiveness of the privileged users monitoring controls in the department's Financial Management Information System (FMIS) TechOne.

The ANAO recommended that the department update its privileged user access monitoring policy to ensure regular reviews of privileged users' access and activities, including the retention of evidence demonstrating that these reviews were appropriately conducted in accordance with the policy.

FMIS Operating Environment

The department's new Financial Management Information System (FMIS) TechOne came into operation on 1 July 2023 (2023-24 financial year). The new FMIS replaced three FMIS; two instances of TechOne, one belonging to the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF) and one belonging to the Department of Industry, Science and Resources (DISR); and one instance of SAP.

While the implementation of the FMIS allowed the department to move to one system and better manage its financial transactions and associated financial reporting, the systems internal controls framework and processes are still maturing.

Progress Update on the Actions to Address the Audit Finding

The department has developed and refined its Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for logging and monitoring privileged user activities in TechOne. In line with the updated SOPs, reports on privileged user activities are generated, with reviews for the current financial year to be completed as part of the year-end process. The department has also completed a new risk assessment of TechnologyOne privileged user access and produced an up-to-date risk register.

The ANAO is yet to agree on the robustness of the SOPs and associated privileged users' activities review being performed by the department. Noting that further work is still needed to:

- Review privileged user activity reports more regularly, and
- Retain evidence and sign-offs on review activities for audit purposes.

Next Steps

The department will continue to work with the ANAO to resolve the audit finding to the best of its ability. Further, the department will ensure the FMIS internal control environment meets the necessary standards moving forward.