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Audit Committee to scrutinise Attorney-General's procurement practices

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit has commenced an inquiry into the Attorney-General's Department's procurement of services in response to the 2017 Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse.

The Chair of the Committee, [Mr Josh Burns MP](#), stated that 'effective tendering and procurement processes are fundamental to how the Australian Government delivers vital services such as these. Eight years on from this Royal Commission, however, they are still not in place.'

The Committee will consider the findings of [Auditor-General Report No. 44 \(2024-25\)](#), alongside the following terms of reference:

- The tender and procurement processes being utilised by the Attorney-General's department to seek providers of the required services
- The lessons learned by the department in relation to these procurements and their current status.

Submissions to the inquiry addressing the above terms of reference are invited by **Friday 17 October 2025**. Details of this inquiry—including the submissions received and public hearings—will be available on the [inquiry website](#).

For background information

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