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JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Inquiry into Cybersecurity Compliance

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New cybersecurity inquiry launched

The [Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit](#) has launched an inquiry into Cybersecurity Compliance as part of its examination of Auditor-General reports. The Committee's inquiry is based on the [2016-17 Auditor-General Report No. 42 Cybersecurity Follow-up Audit](#).

Committee Chair, [Senator Dean Smith](#), said that, as Parliament's joint public administration committee, the JCPAA has an important role in holding Commonwealth agencies to account.

"Cybersecurity is integral to protect Government systems and secure the continued delivery of Government business. Government entities are required to implement mitigation strategies to reduce the risk of cyber intrusions. The Committee is continuing its oversight of entities' compliance with the mandated strategies with the launch of this Inquiry," Senator Smith said.

The JCPAA is a central committee of the Parliament and has the power to initiate its own inquiries on the Commonwealth public sector. The Committee examines all reports of the Auditor-General tabled in the Parliament and can inquire into any items, matters or circumstances connected with these reports.

The Committee invites submissions to the inquiry by Thursday 27 April 2017, addressing the terms of reference. Further information about the inquiry can be accessed via the Committee's [website](#).

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