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JOINT COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT

Inquiry into Commonwealth risk management

Issue date: Tuesday 29 November 2016

Public Accounts Committee hearing on risk management and the Disability Support Pension

Parliament's [Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit](#) will hold a public hearing tomorrow for its inquiry into Commonwealth risk management, based on the Auditor-General's [report](#) on Qualifying for the Disability Support Pension.

The Committee will hear from the Australian National Audit Office, the Department of Social Services, the Department of Human Services, Victoria Legal Aid, Financial Counselling Australia and the National Welfare Rights Network.

The Department of Social Services and Department of Human Services have joint responsibility for administering \$16.9 billion of annual expenditure on the DSP. The DSP provides income support for eligible individuals who have a physical, intellectual or psychiatric condition that stops them from working. People who are permanently blind are also eligible for the DSP.

Commonwealth risk management policy requires agencies to establish standards for directing and controlling risk.

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

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

Public hearing details:

Wednesday 30 November 2016, Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House, Canberra

8.30am to 9.15am

Victoria Legal Aid
Financial Counselling Australia
National Welfare Rights Network

9.15am to 10.30am

Australian National Audit Office
Department of Social Services
Department of Human Services

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



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