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### Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit

Inquiry into Cyber Resilience

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## Public Accounts Committee commences cyber inquiry

The [Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit](#) has commenced a new [inquiry](#) into cyber resilience, based on Auditor-General's Report [No. 53 \(2017-18\)](#), *Cyber Resilience*.

Committee Chair [Senator Dean Smith](#) said the cyber resilience of Commonwealth agencies continues to be a key focus of the Joint Committee for Public Accounts and Audit.

“Effective implementation of a comprehensive cyber security framework across Commonwealth agencies is critical to protect Australians’ privacy and Australia’s social, economic and national security interests from emerging cyber threats,” Senator Smith said.

The Committee invites submissions to the inquiry by 4 March 2019, addressing the terms of reference. A public hearing will be held in mid March.

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

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.

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.

#### 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).

#### For background information:

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