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Appendix A — Conduct of the Committee's review

Selection of audit reports

The Auditor-General presented sixteen reports in the fourth quarter of 1999-2000. These were:

- Audit Report No. 37 Performance Audit Defence Estate Project Delivery
- □ Audit Report No. 38 Performance Audit *Coastwatch*
- Audit Report No. 39 Performance Audit
 Coordination of Export Development and Promotion Activities Across
 Commonwealth Agencies
- Audit Report No. 40 Performance Audit Tactical Fighter Operations
- Audit Report No. 41 Performance Audit
 Commonwealth Emergency Management Arrangements
- Audit Report No. 42 Performance Audit Magnetic Resonance Imaging Services—effectiveness and probity of the policy development processes and implementations
- Audit Report No. 43 Performance Audit Planning and Monitoring for Cost Effective Service Delivery—Staffing and Funding Arrangements

- Audit Report No. 44 Performance Audit Management of Job Network Contracts
- Audit Report No. 45 Performance Audit
 Commonwealth Foreign Exchange Risk Management Practices
- Audit Report No. 46 Performance Audit High Wealth Individuals Taskforce
- Audit Report No. 47 Performance Audit
 Survey of Fraud Control Arrangements in APS Agencies
- Audit Report No. 48 Performance Audit
 Follow-up audit of the Department of Education, Training and Youth
 Affairs (DETYA) International Services
- Audit Report No. 49 Performance Audit
 Indigenous Land Corporation—operations and performance
- Audit Report No. 50 Performance Audit Management Audit Branch—Follow-up
- Audit Report No. 51 Performance Audit
 Program Management in the Training and Youth Division of the
 Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs
- Audit Report No. 52 Financial Statement Audit
 Control Structures as Part of the Audits of Financial Statements of Major
 Commonwealth Agencies for the Period Ended 30 June 2000

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit discussed the above audit reports and considered whether the issues and findings in the reports warranted further examination at a public hearing. In making this assessment the Committee considered, in relation to each audit report:

- the significance of the program or issues canvassed in the audit report;
- the significance of the audit findings;
- the response of the audited agencies, as detailed in each audit report, and
- the extent of any public interest in the audit report.

Following this consideration, the Committee decided to take evidence at public hearings on the following audit reports:

 Audit Report No. 40 Performance Audit Tactical Fighter Operations

- Audit Report No. 42 Performance Audit Magnetic Resonance Imaging Services—effectiveness and probity of the policy development processes and implementations; and
- Audit Report No. 46 Performance Audit High Wealth Individuals Taskforce.

The evidence

The Committee held public hearings in Canberra on 3 November 2000. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix D.