



Appendix A

Conduct of the Committee's review

Selection of audit reports

The Auditor-General presented 26 audit reports in the second half of 1998–99. These were:

- *Audit Report No. 24, DAS Business Unit Sales—Sales Management;*
- *Audit Report No. 25, DAS Business Unit Sales—DASFLEET Sale;*
- *Audit Report No. 26, DAS Business Unit Sales—Works Australia Sale;*
- *Audit Report No. 27, DAS Business Unit Sales—DAS Interiors Australia;*
- *Audit Report No. 28, Sale of SA Rail, Tasrail and Pax Rail;*
- *Audit Report No. 29, Provision of Migrant Settlement Services by DIMA;*
- *Audit Report No. 30, The Use and Operation of Performance Information in the Service Level Agreements;*
- *Audit Report No. 31, The Management of Performance Information for Specific Purpose Payments—The State of Play;*
- *Audit Report No. 32, Agency Management of Parliamentary Workflow;*

- *Audit Report No. 33, Audit Activity Report: July to December 1998—Summary of Audit Outcomes;*
- *Audit Report No. 34, Fringe Benefits Tax;*
- *Audit Report No. 35, The Service Pension (Department of Veterans' Affairs);*
- *Audit Report No. 36, Pay-As-You-Earn Taxation—Administration of Employer Responsibilities;*
- *Audit Report No. 37, Management of Tax File Numbers (Australian Taxation Office);*
- *Audit Report No. 38, Management of Commonwealth Budgetary Processes—Preliminary Study;*
- *Audit Report No. 39, National Aboriginal Health Strategy—Delivery of Housing and Infrastructure to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Communities (Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Commission);*
- *Audit Report No. 40, The Pharmaceutical Industry Investment Program—Assessment of Applicants (Department of Industry, Science and Resources);*
- *Audit Report No. 41, General Service Vehicle Fleet (Department of Defence);*
- *Audit Report No. 42, The Establishment and Operation of Green Corps (Department of Education, Training and Youth Affairs);*
- *Audit Report No. 43, Networking the Nation—the Regional Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (Department of Communications, Information Technology and the Arts);*
- *Audit Report No. 44, Naval Aviation Force (Department of Defence);*
- *Audit Report No. 45, Food Safety Regulation in Australia—Follow-up Audit (Australia New Zealand Food Authority);*
- *Audit Report No. 46, Redress of Grievances in the Australian Defence Force;*
- *Audit Report No. 47, Energy Efficiency in Commonwealth Operations (Department of Industry, Science and Resources & Australian Greenhouse Office);*
- *Audit Report No. 48, Phase 2 of the Sales of the Federal Airports; and*
- *Audit Report No. 49, Staff Reductions in the Australian Public Service.*

The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit examined all of these 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.

The result of this consideration was that the Committee decided to take evidence at public hearings on the following audit reports:

- *Audit Report No. 25, DAS Business Unit Sales—DASFLEET Sale;*
- *Audit Report No. 29, Provision of Migrant Settlement Services by DIMA;*
- *Audit Report No. 34, Fringe Benefits Tax; and*
- *Audit Report No. 42, The Establishment and Operation of Green Corps.*

This report deals only with reports 29, 34 and 42. The Committee's deliberations on Report No. 25 will resume in early 2000.

The evidence

The Committee's hearings were held in Canberra on 13 August 1999. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix D.

In addition to taking oral evidence at the hearings, the Committee received some documentary evidence. A list of the written submissions accepted as evidence is at Appendix B, and a list of the exhibits accepted as evidence is at Appendix C.