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Appendix A—Conduct of the Committee's review

Selection of audit reports

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

- Audit Report No. 25 Performance Audit Commonwealth Electricity Procurement
- Audit Report No. 26 Performance Audit Army Individual Readiness
- Audit Report No. 27 Performance Audit
 Risk Management of Individual Taxpayers Refunds
- Audit Report No. 28 Performance Audit Audit Activity Report July to December 1999 Summary of Outcomes
- Audit Report No. 29 Performance Audit
 The Administration of Veterans' Health Care
- Audit Report No. 30 Examination
 Examination of the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program
- □ Audit Report No. 31 Performance Audit Administration of Tax Penalties
- Audit Report No. 32 Performance Audit
 Management of Commonwealth Non-primary Industries
- Audit Report No. 33 Performance Audit Business Entry Program

- Audit Report No. 34 Performance Audit
 Construction of the National Museum of Australia and
 the Australian Institute of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Studies
- Audit Report No. 35 Performance Audit Retention of Military Personnel
- Audit Report No. 36 Performance Audit Home and Community Care

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.

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

- Audit Report No. 26 Performance Audit Army Individual Readiness
- Audit Report No. 30 Examination
 Examination of the Federation Cultural and Heritage Projects Program

In addition, the JCPAA also selected the following report for examination at a public hearing :

Audit Report No. 44 Performance Audit Management of Job Network Contracts

The evidence

The Committee held public hearings in Canberra on 6 October 2000. The transcript of evidence taken at the hearings is reproduced at Appendix C.

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