



JCPAA Review of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package

**Public Hearing, Monday 16th February, 11:30am – 12:30pm,
Committee Room 1R4, Parliament House, Canberra**

Committee chair, Mr Bob Baldwin, announced that the Joint Committee for Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) would hold a public hearing on Monday 14th February to review the following Auditor-General report:

- ***Audit Report No. 36, 2003-04, The Commonwealth's Administration of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package***

The Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) review of The Commonwealth's Administration of the Dairy Industry Adjustment Package concluded that the delivery of the Package was a considerable achievement, however, the timeliness and effectiveness for implementation of the Package was underestimated during the planning stages.

The Australian Dairy industry was deregulated on the 1 July 2000. As a result of the deregulation, the Government introduced two programs to provide assistance to the dairy farmers. The first program provided \$1.63 billion in payments to dairy farmers, and the second provided a supplementary \$120 million to dairy farmers.

Mr Baldwin said "The Committee's main areas of concern from the ANAO findings were an underestimation of the scale of the task to be implemented which resulted in a resource intensive process and difficulties surrounding timely and effective implementation of the package."

Some areas of interest the Committee may focus on at the public hearing include:

- Project planning;
- Good governance;
- Risk assessments; and
- Accountability.

Under the Public Accounts and Audit Committee Act 1951 (PAAC Act), it is the duty of the Committee to examine all reports of the Auditor-General that are tabled in each House of the Parliament.

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All Auditor-General's reports can be found on the ANAO website at www.anao.gov.au

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