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Chapter 1

Overview

1.1 This is the second Senate Community Affairs Legislation Committee (the committee) report on annual reports for 2015. It provides an overview of the committee's examination of annual reports for the 2013–14 financial year tabled by 30 April 2014.¹

Terms of Reference

1.2 Under Senate Standing Order 25(20), annual reports of departments and agencies shall stand referred to the legislation committees in accordance with an allocation of departments and agencies in a resolution of the Senate. Each committee shall:

- (a) Examine each annual report referred to it and report to the Senate whether the report is apparently satisfactory;
- (b) Consider in more detail, and report to the Senate on, each annual report which is not apparently satisfactory, and on the other annual reports which it selects for more detailed consideration;
- (c) Investigate and report to the Senate on any lateness in the presentation of annual reports;
- (d) In considering an annual report, take into account any relevant remarks about the report made in debate in the Senate;
- (e) If the committee so determines, consider annual reports of departments and budget-related agencies in conjunction with examination of estimates;
- (f) Report on annual reports tabled by 31 October each year by the tenth sitting day of the following year, and on annual reports tabled by 30 April each year by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year;
- (g) Draw to the attention of the Senate any significant matters relating to the operations and performance of the bodies furnishing the annual reports; and
- (h) Report to the Senate each year whether there are any bodies which do not present annual reports to the Senate and which should present such reports.

Allocated portfolios and changes to portfolios

1.3 On 13 November 2013, a resolution of the Senate allocated the following three portfolios to this committee:

1 Copies of this and other committee reports can be obtained from the Senate Table Office, the committee secretariat or online at www.aph.gov.au/senate_ca

- Health;
- Social Services; and
- Human Services²

1.4 Under the most recent Administrative Arrangements Order (AAO), Ageing research was transferred from the Department of Social Services (DSS) into the Department of Health (DoH). Childcare policy and programs and Co-ordination of early childhood development policy and responsibilities were transferred from the Department of Education to DSS. Income support and participation policy for people of working age has also been added to DSS.³

1.5 The committee notes that the reports for the 2013–14 financial year relate to the period prior to the most recent AAO changes.

Purpose of annual reports

1.6 The primary purpose of annual reports is accountability, in particular to the Parliament.⁴ The tabling of annual reports places information about government departments and agencies on the public record and assists in the effective examination of the performance of departments and agencies and the administration of government grants.

Annual reporting requirements

1.7 Senate Standing Order 25(20) requires that the committee's report on annual reports—tabled by 30 April 2014 each year—be tabled by the tenth sitting day after 30 June of that year. The committee is required to examine reports referred to it to determine whether they are timely and 'apparently satisfactory'. The committee must consider whether the reports comply with the relevant legislation and guidelines for the preparation of annual reports in forming its assessment.

1.8 The requirements are set down in the following instruments:

- For portfolio departments and agencies and the parliamentary departments: the *Public Service Act 1999*, sections 63(2) and 70(2), and the *Parliamentary Service Act 1999*, section 65; or other relevant enabling legislation for statutory bodies which are also prescribed agencies under the *Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997* (FMA Act); and the PM&C Requirements;

2 *Journals of the Senate*, No. 2—13 November 2013, pp 88–89.

3 Commonwealth of Australia Administrative Arrangements Order, 23 December 2014 http://www.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/AAO_23_December_2014_signed.pdf, accessed 14 May 2015.

4 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Requirements for Annual Reports for Departments, Executive Agencies and FMA Act Bodies*, approved by the Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit on 24 June 2013, updated on 29 May 2014, p. 4, <http://www.dpmc.gov.au/node/6392> (16 June 2015).

- for Commonwealth authorities and companies: the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997* (CAC Act), in particular, sections 9, 36 and 48; and the *Commonwealth Authorities (Annual Reporting) Orders 2011* and the *Commonwealth Companies (Annual Reporting) Orders 2011*; and
- for non-statutory bodies: the guidelines are contained in the government response to the Senate Standing Committee on Finance and Public Administration Report on Non-Statutory bodies.⁵

1.9 Statutory authorities must report in accordance with their establishing legislation.

1.10 The committee notes that some of the bodies that are required to produce annual reports to the Senate fall outside the categories listed above. In these cases, examination of the annual report is based on general content and information rather than compliance with legislation and guidelines.

Timeliness of reports

1.11 Annual reports for departments and agencies are required to be tabled in Parliament by 31 October each year unless another date is specified in an agency's legislation, charter and/or terms of reference. The PM&C Requirements state that 'it remains the Government's policy that all annual reports should be tabled by 31 October'.⁶ The committee considers timeliness in annual reporting an important element in accountability and continues to encourage FMA Act bodies to follow this policy.

1.12 Commonwealth authorities reporting under the CAC Act are required to provide an annual report to the responsible Minister by the fifteenth day of the fourth month after the end of the financial year. For the standard financial year, this is 15 October. The Minister is required to present the report to the Parliament within 15 sitting days of that House after the day on which the report was received.

1.13 Commonwealth companies are required under the CAC Act to provide a report to the Minister four months after the end of the financial year, which is usually 31 October.⁷ The Minister is required to table the report in the Parliament as soon as practicable after receiving it, or in the case of a company required to hold an annual general meeting, as soon as practicable after the meeting.

1.14 Appendix 1 lists the annual reports tabled (or presented) in Parliament between 1 May 2014 and 30 April 2015 and referred to the committee. The table

5 *Senate Hansard*, 8 December 1987, pp 2632–45.

6 Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Requirements for Annual Reports*, 2014, p. 3

7 If a company is required under the *Corporations Act 2001* to hold an annual general meeting, the company must give the report to the Minister on whichever is the earlier date of the following:

- 21 days before the next annual general meeting after the end of the financial year; or
- Four months after the end of the financial year (see subsection 36(1A) of the CAC Act)

shows the legislation under which reports are required to be provided, tabling information, and the reporting period during which the report was provided. Reports covering the 2013–14 financial year and examined in this report were presented by 30 April 2015, except for Health Workforce Australia which was granted an extended reporting date in order to complete their final report. This was tabled on 12 May 2015.

Publishing standards for the Presentation of Documents to Parliament

1.15 The Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet has produced Guidelines for the Presentation of Documents to the Parliament. These guidelines state:

Documents to be included in the Parliamentary Papers Series must be printed on International B5 size paper.⁸

Reports examined 2013–14

1.16 This report considers twelve annual reports received during the period 1 November 2014 and 30 June 2015 and six reports received on or before 31 October 2014. The committee acknowledges that information in *Annual reports (No. 1 of 2015)* incorrectly stated in the appendix that six reports were not received by the due date of 31 October. This information has been corrected in Appendix 1 of this report. Those reports that were received on time were:

- Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
- Cancer Australia
- National Health and Medical Research Council
- National Health Funding Body
- National Mental Health Commission

1.17 Four reports have been examined to determine whether or not their contents satisfy the detailed legislative requirements as set out in the CAC Act. Eleven annual reports have been checked to ascertain whether or not their contents satisfy the mandatory criteria for inclusion as set out in the FMA Act. The committee also examined three annual reports that fall outside of these categories: the Social Security Appeals Tribunal; Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool; and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency.

1.18 The committee considers that all but one of the reports received were 'apparently satisfactory'. The following chapters of this report examine selected annual reports in further detail and incorporate suggestions for improvement.

8 Australian Government Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet, *Guidelines for the Presentation of Documents to the Parliament (including Government Documents, Government Responses to Committee Reports, Ministerial Statements, Annual Reports and other Instruments*, October 2013, p. 4, https://www.dpmc.gov.au/sites/default/files/publications/Guidelines_for_the_Presentation_of_Documents_to_the_Parliament.pdf accessed 18 June 2015.

Apparently Satisfactory

1.19 Standing order 25(20)(a) requires the committee to report to the Senate on whether annual reports are 'apparently satisfactory'. The committee is pleased to note that generally the annual reports examined adhere to the relevant reporting guidelines. The reports continue to maintain high standards of presentation and provide a comprehensive range of information on their functions and activities.

1.20 The committee is concerned that the National Mental Health Commission's annual report could be considered to have not contained enough information on a number of mandatory requirements to be apparently satisfactory. Please see Chapter 1 for more detail.

Comments made in the Senate

1.21 The committee is obliged, under Senate Standing Order 25(20)(d), to take into account any relevant remarks made about these reports in the Senate. The committee is not aware of any comments made in the Senate regarding the annual reports of departments and agencies within its purview.

Other Issues

Additional Reports

1.22 In addition to the reports listed in Appendix 1, the following reports were also referred to and received by the committee between the period of 1 November 2014 and 30 April 2015. The committee notes that these reports were referred for information only and the committee is not required by the terms of the Standing Order to report on these:

- Australian Government Actuary—Ninth report on the costs of the Australian Government's Run-off Cover Scheme for medical indemnity insurers—2012–13 (tabled in the Senate 24 March 2015)
- Australian Government Actuary—Third report on the costs of the Australian Government's Run-off Cover Scheme for midwife professional indemnity insurers—2012–13 (tabled in the Senate 24 March 2015)
- Australian Government Department of Health—Report to Parliament on s 89A of the *National Health ACT 1953* ('Continued Dispensing')—2014 (tabled in the Senate 3 December 2014)
- Australian Government Department of Social Services—Report on the Operation of the *Aged Care Act 1997*—2013–14 (tabled in the Senate 27 November 2014)
- Australian Government Interdepartmental Committee on Human Trafficking and Slavery—Trafficking in Persons: The Australian Government Response—2013–14 (tabled in the Senate 2 December 2014)
- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly Report for the period 1 July 2014 to 30 September 2014 (tabled in the Senate 9 February 2014)

- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency—Quarterly Report for the period 1 October 2014 to 31 December 2014 (tabled in the Senate 25 March 2015)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)—NHMRC Embryo Research Licensing Committee—Report to the Parliament of Australia for the period 1 March 2014 to 31 August 2014 (tabled in the Senate 9 February 2014)
- Office of the Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly Report for the period 1 July to 30 September 2014 (tabled in the Senate 11 February 2014))
- Office of the Gene Technology Regulator—Quarterly Report for the period 1 October to 31 December 2014 (tabled in the Senate 31 March 2015)
- Private Health Insurance Administration Council—Report for 2013–14 on the operations of private health insurers (tabled in the Senate 16 March 2015)

Chapter 2

Annual Reports of Commonwealth Authorities, Companies and Agencies

2.1 For the financial year 2013–14, the following annual reports were referred to the committee for examination and report during the period 1 November 2014 to 30 April 2015:

Social Services Portfolio

- Australian Institute of Family Studies; and
- Social Security Appeals Tribunal.

Health Portfolio

- Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool;
- Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency;
- Australian Institute of Health and Welfare;
- Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA);
- Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority;
- Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA);
- Cancer Australia;
- Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ);
- General Practice Education and Training Limited (GPET); and
- Health Workforce Australia
- National Blood Authority (NBA);
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC);
- National Health Funding Body (NHFB);
- National Mental Health Commission;
- Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO); and
- Professional Services Review (PSR);

2.2 The committee has chosen to examine the following reports in more detail:

Health Portfolio

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

2.3 The Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW) met the reporting requirements of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*. The AIHW were able to meet seven of their eight performance targets, and achieved 14 of the 15

performance targets and deliverables. The target that was not achieved was outlined with a comprehensive discussion of the shortcomings and steps for the future.¹

2.4 Adequate information was provided across the reporting requirements, with AIHW providing an appendix outlining their performance against these requirements.² AIHW achieved a surplus of \$56,000, which is down from the previous year.³

2.5 The report is well structured and it is clearly written. However, moving the organisational chart closer to the beginning of chapter two in the report would have provided a clearer overview at the start.

Cancer Australia

2.6 Cancer Australia met all of its key performance indicators.⁴ Cancer Australia organised the first Cancer Australia National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders Cancer Forum, which saw over 150 health workers meet to discuss ways of reducing the impact of cancer in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders communities.⁵ Cancer Australia also achieved many awareness and control measures, ranging from leadership in cancer control to priority research and community access to information.⁶

2.7 The activities and projects that were undertaken by Cancer Australia are clearly outlined and sufficient detail and discussion is given in regards to how these have achieved performance targets. Cancer Australia also provided a concise overview of the Cancer Australia Advisory Groups which help support and achieve strategic goals.⁷

2.8 The committee commends Cancer Australia on producing a high quality report. Future reports could be improved with a more substantial discussion and analysis of the financial performance and the inclusion of information on workforce planning, staff retention and turnover.

Food Standards Australia

2.9 Food Standards Australia produced a high quality report that reflects the performance standards they achieved. Food Standards Australia met or exceeded three of their four key performance indicators and performed well against the fourth.⁸

2.10 Food Standards Australia met the reporting requirements of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*. Their Annual report is

1 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 6

2 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 211-213

3 Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 33

4 Cancer Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 25-26

5 Cancer Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 27

6 Cancer Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 28-30

7 Cancer Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 109-110

8 Food Standards Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 22

presented in a clear and easy to follow format. Food Standards Australia was also able to adhere to their strategic imperatives throughout the reporting period. This allowed for the progression towards meeting the aims of the Government through program 1.1.⁹ This also allowed a gain in comprehensive income of approximately \$600,000.¹⁰

2.11 The outlook for the 2014-15 reporting period will be focused on finding cost-effective ways of meeting obligations. The committee notes that the report could be improved through a more comprehensive discussion of the workforce planning for the future, as well as a more substantive discussion on the overall financial performance over the period.

Health Workforce Australia

2.12 Health Workforce Australia (HWA) produced their final annual report that covers the period 1 July 2013 to 7 October 2014. HWA met the reporting requirements of the *Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997*. HWA outlines their performance against the reporting requirements in an easy to follow index.¹¹ HWA also performed well against their key domains, with sufficient information provided on how these were achieved. HWA released seven reports as part of Australia's Health Workforce series. These reports provide a spotlight on a variety of Australia's health workforce, ranging from Dietitians to Podiatrists and present data from a range of sources, which help to shape an understanding of a particular profession or sector in the health workforce.¹²

2.13 HWA outlines comprehensively their ongoing and completed projects and reports.¹³ These have allowed HWA to increase their overall closing balance.¹⁴ HWA also provides extensive detail on their financial statements and a comprehensive outline of the HWA board members. Various important developments were also undertaken by HWA for Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples, which have supported Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander Health workers.¹⁵

2.14 The committee notes that the report could be improved with a more thorough discussion of their performance against the key domains, particularly the performance by their projects in achieving these.

National Blood Authority

2.15 The committee notes that the National Blood Authority (NBA) produced a high quality annual report and the performance of the authority for the year is also to be commended. The NBA met or exceeded seven out of eight key performance

9 Food Standards Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 20

10 Food Standards Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 125

11 Health Workforce Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 31-33

12 Health Workforce Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 9-10

13 Health Workforce Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 9-20

14 Health Workforce Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, p. 40

15 Health Workforce Australia, *Annual Report 2013-14*, pp 18-20

indicators and partially met the eighth.¹⁶ The structure of the report is clear and easy to follow, with logical and detailed information on reporting requirements.

2.16 The NBA achieved a record saving in the supply of blood budget of \$138 million (approximately 12.5 per cent). This was largely achieved through improved supply performance and efficiency and appropriate use of fresh products resulting in a corresponding reduction in demand.¹⁷ The report also contains detailed information and discussions on each of their key performance indicators, covering all aspects required to achieve these.

2.17 The outlook for 2014–15 for the NBA includes focussing on the merger with the Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority, where administrative activities will be consolidated as well as 'a range of national coordination and contracting activities'.¹⁸

2.18 The NBA should be commended on the volume and detail of information provided in the report. All reporting requirements were met and substantial information is provided on operations.

National Mental Health Commission

2.19 In January 2014 the NMHC was tasked with undertaking a national review of mental health services and programs by the Minister for Health, The Hon. Peter Dutton, MP. The report was due by 30 November 2014. The NMHC engaged with a wide range of stakeholders and received 1800 submissions during the process. The Commission took a population approach to the review, with a focus on the principles of a contributing life, as outlined in the NMHC's *A Contributing Life: the 2012 National Report Card*.

2.20 The committee notes that the annual report for the National Mental Health Commission (NMHC) may not meet several mandatory requirements. In most incidences there is some mention of the requirement either in the report or in the index but more information would assist the committee in examination of future annual reports. The committee suggest that more information be included in the following areas:

- 11(2) trend information;
- 11(7) agency resource statement in the required format;
- 12(4) external scrutiny reporting;
- 12(7) statistics on staffing;
- 12(8) enterprise or collective agreements, Individual Flexibility Agreements, determinations, common law contracts and Alternative Work Arrangements; and

16 National Blood Authority, *Annual Report 2013–14*, pp 18–19

17 National Blood Authority, *Annual Report 2013–14*, p. 8

18 National Blood Authority, *Annual Report 2013–14*, p. 11

- 12(13)-(22) a summary statement of consultancy contracts and a directive to the AusTender website.

It was also observed that in the instances where the NMHC did not have anything of detail to report on a particular requirement under the FMA Act, that the only reference to this requirement was in the index. The report would be improved by a statement within the body of the report that refers to the requirement in such cases. For example, the inclusion of a short statement indicating that the NMHC did not administer any grant programs for the financial year. This would provide a better insight into the work of the agency.

Senator Zed Seselja

Chair

Appendix 1

List of departments, agencies and bodies required to present annual reports to the Senate

Social Services Portfolio

Department/Agency/Body	Type	Legislation	Reporting Year	Date tabled Senate	Date submitted to/ received by Minister (if available)	Received during period for Report 1 of 2015	Received during period for Report 2 of 2015
Australian Aged Care Quality Agency ¹	CAC Act – company (limited by guarantee)	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	28/10/2014	1/10/2014	✓	
Australian Institute of Family Studies (AIFS)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 114LC of the <i>Family Law Act 1975</i> , section 70 and subsection 70(1) of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	2/10/2014 / 10/10/2014		✓
Aged Care Commissioner	Statutory office holder – Departmental body	Section 95A-12 of the <i>Aged Care Act 1997</i>	2013–14	23/09/2014	n/a	✓	

¹ Formerly known as the Aged Care Standards and Accreditation Agency Ltd (ACSAA)

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Department of Social Services	Department of State	Section 63 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> (PS Act)	2013–14	27/10/2014 (received 14/10/2014*)	18/09/2014	✓	
National Disability Insurance Agency	CAC Act–statutory authority	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i> and section 172 of the <i>National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013</i>	2013–14	29/10/2014	10/10/2014	✓	
Social Security Appeals Tribunal (SSAT)	Statutory body	Section 25 of the <i>Social Security (Administration) Act 1999</i>	2013–14	9/02/2014 (received 07/01/2015*)	11/12/2014 / 12/12/2014		✓

*Presented to the President out-of-session

Health Portfolio

Department/Agency/Body	Type	Legislation	Reporting Year	Date tabled Senate	Date submitted to/received by Minister (if available)	Received during period for Report 1 of 2015	Received during period for Report 2 of 2015
Administrator of the National Health Funding Pool	Independent Statutory Officer	Section 241 and 243 of the <i>National Health Reform Act 2011</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014 (received 31/10/2014*)	28/10/2014		√
Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care	CAC Act – Commonwealth authority	Section 111 of the <i>National Health Reform Act 2011</i> and Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	27/10/2014 (received 15/10/2014*)	22/09/2014	√	
Australian Institute of Health and Welfare (AIHW)	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	29/10/2015	10/10/2014		√
Australian National Preventive Health Agency (ANPHA)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 53 of the <i>Australian National Preventive Health Agency Act 2010</i> and Sections 63 and 70 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>	2013–14	2/12/2014	24/10/2014		√
Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Subsection 28(1) of the <i>Australian Organ and Tissue Donation and Transplantation Authority Act</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	14/10/2014 / 20/10/2014		√

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Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency (ARPANSA)	FMA Act Prescribed agency	Section 60(6) of the <i>Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998</i>	2013–14	28/10/2014	26/09/2014	✓	
Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority (ASADA)	FMA Act-Prescribed agency	Subsection 74(1) of the <i>Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	30/09/2014		✓
Australian Sports Commission	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 9 Of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	30/10/2014	30/09/2014 / 1/10/2014	✓	
Australian Sports Foundation Limited ²	CAC Act – company (limited by guarantee)	Section 9 Of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	30/10/2014	1/10/2014	✓	
Cancer Australia	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 37 of the <i>Cancer Australia Act 2006</i> and Section 57 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014 (received 31/10/2014*)	3/10/2014		✓
Department of Health	Department of the State	Section 63 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> (PS Act)	2013–14	28/10/2014	9/10/2014	✓	

² Incorporated into the Australian Sports Commission's *Annual Report 2013–14* in Section 5.

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Food Standards Australia New Zealand (FSANZ)	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 152 of the <i>Food Standards Australia New Zealand Act 1991</i> and Schedule 1 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	7/10/2014		✓
General Practice Education and Training Limited (GPET)	CAC Act – company (limited by guarantee)	Section 36 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	25/11/2014	23/10/2014		✓
Health Workforce Australia (HWA)	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	12/05/2015	27/02/2015		✓
Independent Hospital Pricing Authority (IHPA)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 193 of the <i>National Health Reform Amendment (Independent Hospital Pricing Authority) Act 2011</i> and section 57 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>	2013–14	27/10/2014	2/10/2014	✓	

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National Blood Authority (NBA)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 44 of the <i>National Blood Authority Act 2003</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	13/10/2014		✓
National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 83 of the <i>National Health and Medical Research Council Act 1992</i> and Section 63 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014 (received 31/10/2014*)	7/11/2014 / 10/11/2014		✓
National Health Funding Body (NHFB)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 70 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> and 267 of the <i>National Health Reform Act 2011</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014 (received 31/10/2014*)	28/10/2014		✓
National Health Performance Authority (NHPA)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 111 of the <i>National Health Reform Act 2011</i> and Section 57 of the <i>Financial Management and Accountability Act 1997</i>	2013–14	27/10/2014	26/09/2014	✓	
National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS)	Regulatory Scheme – Departmental body	Section 108 of the <i>Industrial Chemicals (Notification and Assessment) Act 1989</i>	2013–14	29/10/2014	25/09/2014 / 29/09/2014	✓	

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National Mental Health Commission	FMA Act – Executive Agency	Section 70 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014 (received 31/10/2014*)	22/10/2014		✓
Office of the Gene Technology Regulator	Statutory office holder – Departmental body	Section 136 of the <i>Gene Technology Act 2000</i>	2013–14	29/10/2014	19/09/2014	✓	
Pharmaceutical Benefits Advisory Committee (PBAC) ³	Independent expert body	Section 99YBC of the <i>National Health Act 1953</i>	2013–14	28/10/2014	9/10/2014	✓	
Private Health Insurance Administration Council (PHIAC)	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	29/10/2014	9/10/2014 / 10/10/2014	✓	
Private Health Insurance Ombudsman (PHIO)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 253-50 of the <i>Private Health Insurance Act 2007</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	15/09/2014 / 7/10/2014		✓
Professional Services Review (PSR)	FMA Act – Prescribed agency	Section 106ZQ of the <i>Health Insurance Act 1973</i>	2013–14	17/11/2014	20/10/2014		✓

*Presented to the President out-of-session

³ Incorporated into the Department of Health's *Annual Report 2013–14* as Appendix 1.

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Department/Agency/Body	Type	Legislation	Reporting Year	Date tabled Senate	Date submitted to/ received by Minister (if available)	Received during period for Report 1 of 2015	Received during period for Report 2 of 2015
Australian Hearing	CAC Act – statutory authority	Section 9 of the <i>Commonwealth Authorities and Companies Act 1997</i>	2013–14	27/10/2014	26/09/2014	✓	
Department of Human Services	Department of the State	Section 63 of the <i>Public Service Act 1999</i> (PS Act)	2013–14	27/10/2014	25/09/2014	✓	

Annual reports from non-portfolio Agencies

Department/Agency/Body	Type	Legislation	Reporting Year	Date tabled Senate	Date submitted to/ received by Minister (if available)	Received during period for Report 1 of 2015	Received during period for Report 2 of 2015
Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency ⁴	Statutory Agency	Schedule 3, Clause 8 of the <i>Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009</i> , as in force in each state and territory	2013–14	9/02/2014	13/11/2014 / 1/12/2014		✓

⁴ The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency supplies an annual report to the Ministerial Council of the Council of Australian Governments which supplies a copy to each state and territory Parliament and to the Commonwealth.

