

Introduction

Background to the review

- 1.1 The Joint Committee of Public Accounts and Audit (JCPAA) has a statutory duty to examine all reports of the Auditor-General and report the results of its deliberations to both Houses of Parliament. In selecting audit reports for review, the Committee considers:
 - the significance of the program or issues raised in audit reports
 - the significance of audit findings
 - the arguments advanced by the audited agencies
 - the public interest arising from the report
- 1.2 On 25 June 2015, the Committee considered Australian National Audit Office (ANAO) performance audit reports Nos 24-50 of 2014-15. The Committee selected the following reports for review and scrutiny at public hearings:
 - Audit Report No. 34 (2014-15) *Administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by Emergency Management Australia, Attorney-General's Department*
 - Audit Report No. 37 (2014-15) *Management of Smart Centres' Centrelink Telephone Services, Department of Human Services*
 - Audit Report No. 41 (2014-15) *Award of Funding under the Safer Streets Programme, Attorney-General's Department*
- 1.3 Public hearings for the reports were held on:
 - 20 August 2015 (Audit Report No. 37)
 - 17 September 2015 (Audit Report Nos 34 and 41)

The Committee's report

- 1.4 This report of the Committee's review of a number of ANAO reports draws attention to key issues raised in the original reports, as well as at public hearings and in agency submissions. Where appropriate, the Committee has commented on unresolved or contentious issues, and made recommendations.
- 1.5 The report is structured as follows:
- Chapter 2: Audit Report No. 25 (2014-15) *Administration of the Natural Disaster Relief and Recovery Arrangements by Emergency Management Australia*
 - Chapter 3: Audit Report No. 37 (2014-15) *Management of Smart Centres' Centrelink Telephone Services*
 - Chapter 4: Audit Report No. 41 (2014-15) *Award of Funding under the Safer Streets Programme*
- 1.6 The following appendices provide further information:
- Appendix A – List of submissions
 - Appendix B – List of public hearings and witnesses
- 1.7 Each chapter of this report can usefully be read in conjunction with the relevant ANAO report.