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TOPIC: Failure of Grants Projects

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QUESTION No.: BI-114

When there is a failure in a particular project the Department is financially supporting or in a program more broadly, what kind of approach is taken to instigating an immediate investigation? And, if an internal audit has already been performed on that program, is a new audit immediately instigated?

ANSWER

The Department delivers a range of programs that provide services and financial support to firms and other organisations. Financial support to third parties is covered by contractual arrangements which include compliance and default arrangements. Programs are also subject to Internal Audit and Fraud control arrangements.

If suspected fraud is reported, any investigation is conducted in accordance with the Commonwealth Fraud Control Guidelines.

Examples of standard contracts for programs are available on the Department's website and associated program delivery websites.