

Public Finance and Audit Amendment (Auditor-General) Bill

Mr SPEAKER

The Legislative Council has considered the Legislative Assembly's Message, dated 24 October 2001, relating to the Public Finance and Audit Amendment (Auditor-General) Bill, and informs the Legislative Assembly that the Legislative Council does not insist on its amendments Nos 1, 2 and 4 disagreed to by the Assembly in the Bill, but proposes further amendments in the Bill as follows:

No. 1 Page 3, Schedule 1 [1] (proposed section 27B). Insert after line 27:

- (5) The Auditor-General may, in the exercise of his or her functions, have regard to whether there has been:
 - (a) any wastage of public resources, or
 - (b) any lack of probity or financial prudence in the management or application of public resources.

No. 2 Page 6, Schedule 1. Insert after line 8:

[14] Section 52

Insert at the end of the section:

- (4) The Auditor-General may give a summary of the proposed report (or of the relevant part) to the Head of each authority to which it relates or which, in the opinion of the Auditor-General, has a special interest in it. The Auditor-General may include in the report any submissions or comments made by the Head of an authority or a summary, in an agreed form, of any such submissions or comments.

The Council requests the concurrence of the Legislative Assembly in the proposed further amendments.

Legislative Council
13 November 2001

President

* **Government amendments** (*Amendment No. 2 amended by CDP amendment*).