



Inquiry into the efficiency and effectiveness of the Audit Office of NSW

The Public Accounts Committee has appointed a Reviewer to examine the auditing practices and standards of the Auditor-General and determine whether the Auditor-General is complying with those practices and standards in the carrying out of the Auditor-General's functions under the Act. The Committee will also inquire into the efficiency and effectiveness of the Audit Office of NSW. In particular, the Inquiry will focus on:

- Whether the Audit Office of NSW provides value for money financial audit services, in comparison with the services and fees of similar organisations;
- Whether the Performance Audits conducted by the Audit Office provide value for money by meeting their objectives and contributing to improved accountability by government agencies within New South Wales;
- Whether the process of selecting topics for performance and compliance audits is based on robust methodology;
- Whether the selection of agencies for compliance audit is robust and based on a consideration of the particular risks of that agency;
- Whether the Audit Office has adequate resources to carry out its functions; and
- The effectiveness of the Audit Office's communication with clients, particularly in relation to establishing a joint understanding of expected audit fees, the scope of performance and compliance programs, and the provision of advice.