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MEDIA RELEASE

Public Hearing - Examination of Auditor-General's Performance Audits

The Chair of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), Mr Bruce Notley-Smith MP has announced that a public hearing will be held on 17 September 2018, where the Committee will examine and follow-up performance audit reports of the Auditor-General tabled between October 2016 and May 2017.

“The public hearing responds to the Committee's statutory responsibility to examine any report that the Auditor-General lays before the Legislative Assembly”, said Mr Notley-Smith. “Twelve months following a performance audit report, the Committee writes to each of the agencies who have been subject to the audit, asking for an update on how they have implemented the recommendations made. The Committee then makes a judgement based on that information, and the input on the Audit Office, to determine if the relevant agencies need to provide additional information at a public hearing or in writing”.

At the current hearing, the Committee will seek further information on the following four performance audits:

- Performance Audit 277 – Implementation of the NSW Government's program evaluation initiative
- Performance Audit 278 – CBD and South East Light Rail Project
- Performance Audit 281 – Passenger rail punctuality
- Performance Audit 284 – Planning for school infrastructure

“The Committee is keen to hear evidence from the relevant agencies regarding the progress made in implementing the Auditor-General's recommendations, and how this will be managed”, said Mr Notley-Smith. “The Committee will use the public hearing to determine any issues or delays that might have occurred, and how they can best be overcome”.

The public hearing will take place in the Macquarie Room at Parliament House, starting at 9.30am. The full schedule can be accessed [here](#).

For media comment, please contact Bruce Notley-Smith MP on (02) 9398 1822. Further information about the inquiry can be obtained by visiting the Committee's webpage at www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/pac.