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Public Hearing – Public Accounts Committee Examines Cybersecurity, Local Government Fraud and Services, Pollution in Drinking Water Catchments and More

How well has the NSW Government performed on delivering services for cybersecurity resilience, regional assistance programs, local government services and fraud control, and regulation of pollution in drinking water catchments?

Public Accounts Committee Chair, Mr Greg Piper MP has announced a public hearing on 24 February 2020, to examine and follow-up performance audit reports of the Auditor-General in these areas.

The Public Accounts Committee is responsible for examining reports of the Auditor-General, including those that audit the performance of various agencies.

" We want to ensure agencies are making progress in implementing the Auditor-General's recommendations ", said Mr Piper. "Some of the recommendations in the performance audit reports were due in the past two years – we want to ensure these are on track to be or have been completed. Other recommendations have been noted as a matter of priority – such as those concerning cybersecurity which impacts on every agency across NSW."

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

- Performance Audit 297 – Detecting and Responding to Cyber Security Incidents
- Performance Audit 300 – Regional Assistance Programs
- Performance Audit 302 – Shared Services in Local Government
- Performance Audit 303 – Fraud Controls in Local Councils
- Performance Audit 304 – Regulation of Water Pollution in Drinking Water Catchments

The public hearing will take place in the Preston-Stanley Room, Parliament House, commencing at 1.10pm on Monday, 24 February.

The full schedule can be accessed [here](#).

For media comment, please contact Mr Greg Piper MP on (02) 4959 3200 . Further information about the inquiry can be found on the Committee's [webpage](#).