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COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE

ICT PROCUREMENT

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The NSW Parliament's Public Accounts Committee has commenced an inquiry into the procurement and management of Information and Communication Technology Services in the NSW public sector, the Committee's Chair, Mr Jonathan O'Dea MP, announced today.

"The Auditor-General has repeatedly raised issues relating to the procurement and management of ICT project by NSW government agencies," Mr O'Dea said. "Too often, ICT projects have been hamstrung by poor project management, poor contract management and poor system migration and data conversions."

"This is a priority area that the Committee has decided to follow up," said Mr O'Dea. "The Committee will be looking at measures to improve project and contract management, and long term planning to meet the ICT needs of the public sector and ensure value for money."

Submissions are requested by 31 October, with public hearings to be conducted shortly thereafter. All written submissions should be forwarded to: The Public Accounts Committee, Parliament House, Macquarie Street, SYDNEY NSW 2000

Further information can be obtained by visiting the Committee website at <u>http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au/publicaccounts</u> or by contacting Mr Jonathan O'Dea, Chairman, on (02) 0418 241 500.

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